



North Hennepin
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March 25, 2020
9:30 p.m.

Dear Colleagues:

These are ever-changing times. We know there are a number of hurdles to overcome; collectively we will accomplish the Chancellor's directive and guidance by focusing our efforts on these two priorities:

- **To safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of our faculty, staff, and students**
- **To enable students to complete the spring semester and progress toward their educational goal**

We expect to provide a COVID-19 update to the campus weekdays (until further notice).

NHCC COVID-19 RECURRING OPEN FORUMS

The NHCC Pandemic Task Force met March 24 and discussed the current impact in all of our areas. We've decided to hold COVID-19 Open Forums/Webinar every other Friday, beginning April 3, 2020. The time will be from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. I will send an invite to NHCC-Official.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR WALZ ORDERS RESIDENTS TO STAY AT HOME

Minnesota Governor Walz signed [Executive Order 20-20 ordering residents to stay at home](#), beginning Friday, March 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. through Friday, April 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. During this time, here's how NHCC will be impacted:

- The "Stay At Home" order identified Minnesota State and its 37 colleges and universities "essential services." This means all campuses will continue servicing students, although using alternative modes and social distancing protocol.
- While our campus will be closed to the public, campus will remain accessible to students and employees.
 - Campus access will be limited to essential personnel. (The System Office will provide more guidance on how it defines "essential." We will share that information as soon as it is available.)
 - Campus access will also be available to students who require services from Accounting & Fees, Bookstore, Computer Labs, Library, Food Cupboard, and/or Information Center.
 - To access campus, enter through one of the four designated building entrances (ES #2, CC#34, LRC#26, CBT#13), **and** present your employee/student ID. Those who do not bring an identification card/badge will be escorted to Public Safety for employee/student verification.
 - Facilities and security operations will continue.
- Classes will resume via non-face-to-face instruction on March 30, 2020.

- Information that MDH is making available for schools, colleges and universities is available at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools.html>.

Please see the attached messages from Chancellor Malhotra and Governor Walz. We will get through these times. Stay safe.

Better Together,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen E. Kent". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue background behind the text.

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