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Dear Colleagues and Students:

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 progress toward their educational goal

## Positive COVID Cases

This week there was no reported cases for students or employees 😊

## Considerations for events and gatherings during Easter and Ramadan

- Get vaccinated
- Wear and mask when recommended or required
- Wash hands often
- Gather in places with good air flow or ventilation
- Stay home if feeling sick or test positive
- CDC guidance: [Small and Large Gatherings | CDC](#) (Jan 27, 2022)
- **Observing Ramadan**
  - MDH guidance: [Observe and Celebrate Ramadan Safer During COVID-19 \(state.mn.us\)](#)
  - Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will not invalidate a fast as it is not considered food or drink.

## Free Online Rapid COVID-19 Tests

This week Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) launched a new program that will enable Minnesotans to [order free rapid COVID-19 tests online](#) for delivery directly to their homes. Take advantage of this program and get the free tests before the supply is exhausted.

Even as case numbers decline, it's important that people test for COVID-19 if they are feeling sick. That's why MDH is continuing to make tests easily accessible. The tests can be done at home and results are delivered within minutes, with no lab delivery required. MDH's goal is to ensure that when someone in the community needs a test, they can get one quickly and easily.

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