Oct. 30, 2020

Update for faculty, staff, students

Re: Rise in positive COVID-19 cases among employees and students studying on campus

The number of positive COVID-19 cases identified among employees and students studying on campus has risen, as is the case in the state of North Dakota. Mayville State's increase in positive cases comes as a result of the release of results from a mass testing event hosted on campus Tuesday, Oct. 27. Not all test results are available at this time, but the confirmed cases are reflected on Mayville State's COVID-19 dashboard this morning. The dashboard will continue to be updated on a daily basis.

Take all the precautions that will help to keep you safe and healthy.

We are working to mitigate the spread of the virus and to accommodate those who need to isolate and quarantine. I urge you to continue to be vigilant in taking all the recommended precautions that will help to keep you safe and healthy.

- *Wash your hands* often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid close contact inside your home: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Avoid close contact outside your home: Put six feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover (mask) when around others.
- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow and do not spit.
- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- Monitor your health daily. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

Report positive test results, close contact notification, symptoms.

Members of the MSU Community are expected to notify the university if they have or know someone from the college community who has:

- tested positive for COVID-19,
- been notified by a state health department official that they have been identified as a close contact to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19,
- symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (Individuals can check their symptoms through the ND Department of Health COVID-19 Risk Assessment Survey Tool by clicking here.)

Click here for more information and to access the form.

Lindsey M. Hall, BSN, RN, is Mayville State's COVID-19 Liaison. If your situation falls under any of the scenarios listed above, it is important for you to fill out the reporting form (link above). If you have questions or need further information, please contact Lindsey at lindsey.m.hall@mayvillestate.edu or 901-355-6148.

Your health and safety are of utmost importance as we continue to navigate this situation. Be diligent in taking precautions. Wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands often, clean and disinfect surfaces, and monitor for symptoms. I encourage you to stay informed and to be familiar with the information available on Mayville State's Fall 2020 COVID-19 Restart web pages at www.mayvillestate.edu/fall2020restart.

Sincerely,

Brian Van Horn, President
Mayville State University