

January 18, 2021

Campus Update to Faculty, Staff, Students

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday. The federal holiday, observed each year on the third Monday in January, is a time to reflect on the legacy of the influential civil rights leader. On this day, Americans are encouraged to recommit themselves to Dr. King's dream by engaging in acts of service to others, to their community, and to our nation.

Mask mandate continues

As you may know, the COVID-19 mask requirement in the state of North Dakota expired today. However, this does not end any county, city, or other local mask requirement. Mayville State University's mask requirement remains in place. All individuals on Mayville State University property or participating in an official University event, are required to wear a face covering to contain potentially contaminated droplets while indoors. [Click here to see more.](#)

Free PCR COVID-19 testing event planned at Mayville State on Wednesday, January 20

Mayville State will host a free PCR COVID-19 testing event Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Campus Center Luckasen Room. This free testing event is open to Mayville State students, staff and faculty, as well as the public. If you have not pre-registered in the past, you will need to do so at testreg.nd.gov.

Rapid antigen COVID-19 testing is available to all Mayville State students, faculty, and staff on an ongoing basis. You'll need to schedule an appointment with Lindsey Hall at lindsey.m.hall@mayvillestate.edu or 701-788-4865.

All Mayville State students, faculty, and staff are strongly encouraged to test. Testing is one of the best things we can all do to help keep one another safe and well. It's up to each of us to do our part to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

ND Senate Appropriations Committee hearing for Mayville State is January 19

The work of North Dakota's 67th Legislative Assembly has begun. Mayville State Vice President for Business Affairs Steve Bensen and I are in Bismarck today and tomorrow for Senate Appropriations Committee hearings. We'll be making Mayville State's presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

The Senate Appropriations Committee hearing will be where the "rubber meets the road" as the biennial budgeting process begins. This is just the beginning as there will be several activities involved throughout the budgeting process, including a presentation to the House Appropriations Committee in the coming weeks. The entire process is critical and determines our state-supported budget for the next two years.

Have a great spring semester!

The spring semester is off to a great start! With the first week of the semester already behind us, the days until summer are sure to pass quickly. Let's all be vigilant in helping to help keep one another safe and healthy throughout the semester. Wear your masks, wash your hands often, stay home if you're not feeling well, and remember to be kind to one another.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President
Mayville State University