

## **Update for faculty and staff 08-28-2020**

### **COVID-19 liaison, mask policy, temperature monitoring, testing results, SBHE Staff Advisor Report**

Greetings, Mayville State faculty and staff,

I hope the first week of the semester has been a good one for you. It is great to see our campus functioning in a vibrant fashion with students, faculty, and staff interacting.

### **Farewell, Brittany Ness ... Welcome, Lindsey Hall**

Brittany Ness, who has served as Mayville State's COVID-19 liaison since last spring while also continuing in her capacity as the Director of Eastern North Dakota Area Health Education Center (AHEC), has taken another position. Her last day with MSU was Thursday, Aug. 27. Brittany has been the Eastern AHEC director since December of 2018, and we have been fortunate to have her serve as a great leader of this grant-funded Mayville State function. Brittany's expertise and service as Mayville State's COVID-19 liaison have been invaluable. In this role, she has been integral in helping us to provide a safe and healthy environment in which we can work, teach, and learn. With a great debt of gratitude for all she has done for us, I wish her the best in her new position.

Lindsey Hall, BSN, RN, has joined Mayville State as our new COVID-19 liaison. We know that she will provide exceptional service to the university and our students, faculty, and staff. We are happy to have her with us and look forward to working with her. Please join me in welcoming Lindsey in her new role as a member of the Mayville State family. You may contact Lindsey at [lindsay.m.hall@mayvillestate.edu](mailto:lindsay.m.hall@mayvillestate.edu) or (901) 355-6148.

### **Please be mindful of Mayville State's cloth face covering policy**

In consideration of guidelines provided by the State Board of Higher Education and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mayville State University requires that all individuals on Mayville State University property or participating in official university events wear a face covering to contain potentially contaminated droplets while indoors. Use of face coverings is one of the ways in which we can help to keep our campus community healthy.

I would hope that professional faculty and staff will give feedback to peers who are involved if they feel uncomfortable with lack of mask usage. It is important for each of us to create a safe working environment for everyone. If you don't feel comfortable giving direct feedback to someone who is not wearing a mask, you should speak with your supervisor or respective cabinet member.

### **Temperature monitoring**

Having a fever is one of the symptoms of COVID-19. To help our campus self-monitor this, we've provided several kiosks around campus where you can take your temperature. Please try them out and continue to make use of them as you see fit. See more information about symptoms and preventative practices at [www.mayvillestate.edu/fall2020restart](http://www.mayvillestate.edu/fall2020restart).

### **August 24 testing results**

I am happy to report that of the 159 COVID-19 tests conducted during the free testing event held at Mayville State on Monday, Aug. 24, there were no positive results. Thank you to all who participated in the testing event.

You will be able to monitor COVID-19 cases on our new dashboard at [www.mayvillestate.edu/fall2020restart](http://www.mayvillestate.edu/fall2020restart). The dashboard will be updated daily.

**SBHE staff advisor report on 08-27-2020 SBHE meeting**

Retha Mattern, a Bismarck State College employee who serves as State Board of Higher Education Staff Advisor, provided staff senators statewide with a summary of the Aug. 27 SBHE meeting. MSU's staff senate has asked that we share the information with all Mayville State employees. You will find the summary at <https://mayvillestate.edu/about-msu/fall-2020-covid-19-restart/coronavirus-related-information/messages-campus/august-communications/>.

Keeping our campus community safe and healthy is our top priority. It takes a village. Thank you for following the guidelines which will help to ensure that we can keep ourselves as well as our friends and colleagues well. Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President  
Mayville State University