

MSU Community,

Happy Friday! As we head into the weekend and prepare for a busy next week making final plans for the start of the 2020-21 academic year, a few updates/reminders:

1. On **Wednesday, August 19 at 9:00 am** we WILL have a Convocation event, however it will be a bit different from past years. To eliminate a large gathering, it will be conducted via technology. Please watch for updated information early next week and plan to be near a computer screen on Wednesday morning. We'll begin at 9:00 and should be finished by 10:00. The good news is the speeches will be shorter!
2. On **Monday, August 17, our second campus COVID testing event will occur from 9-Noon** on the third floor of the Dome. There will be additional campus testing opportunities next week on Tuesday and Friday as well as a couple days the following week (however, those tests on the 24th and 25th will primarily be for students). You are all strongly encouraged to participate and complete a test prior to the start of the academic year. More information was provided in today's Campus Announcements (I've copied those details at the bottom of this email; note that volunteers are also still needed to assist). Please pre-register ahead of showing up at the Dome next week; you can do so here <https://testreg.nd.gov/>
3. A final reminder that our **campus masking policy goes into effect beginning on Monday (August 17)**. Full details are here: <https://www.minotstateu.edu/covid/pages/masks.shtml>
4. If you have not seen the informational HyFlex video to see how many of our courses will be delivered this fall, please check this out: <https://www.facebook.com/minotstateuniversity/videos/1323522137841490/>
5. My monthly column for the Minot Daily News will appear in this weekend's edition. The MDN prefers it not be distributed ahead of their printing, so I am not attaching it here, but as you might expect the focus is on our Fall Restart. It provided a nice opportunity to share with the public the many preparations the MSU team has been making as we get ready for our students to return in the next week. A sincere word of THANKS to each of you for helping us be ready to welcome students back.

Thanks for all you do in helping us write this next chapter empowering us to do what Minot State has done best for nearly 110 years, COVID or not, and that is educating our students and serving our public!

Have a great weekend,

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Go Beavers!

Campus testing volunteers

Minot State University and First District Health Unit will test students for COVID-19 on Monday, Aug. 17, Tuesday, Aug. 18, Friday, Aug. 21, Monday, Aug. 24, and Tuesday, Aug. 25. We are in need of volunteers to work at the data intake tables. Volunteers will enter student information on iPads before each student tests. Volunteers will be trained and fitted with N95 masks. Please contact [KEVIN HARMON](#) to volunteer or for more information.

-- Kevin Harmon, vice president for student affairs

COVID-19 testing continues Monday, Tuesday, and Friday

Minot State University will offer multiple opportunities for students to take a COVID-19 test prior to the start of Fall 2020 classes, through a mass testing schedule provided by the North Dakota University System (NDUS).

The mass testing schedule will utilize all 11 NDUS cities, North Dakota Tribal College locations, and various towns throughout North Dakota. MSU students do not need to take the COVID-19 test in Minot and are encouraged to use one of the various testing sites closest to their home.

Minot State, the NDUS, and the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) highly recommends students test prior to coming to campus. The NDUS recommends students should take the COVID-19 test approximately five days before leaving home.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register to facilitate an efficient collection process and minimize the amount of time spent at the testing site. A pre-registration link is on the Department of Health's website at testreg.nd.gov/.

If results are positive, NDUS and NDDoH ask students to follow public health guidelines and isolate at their home or place of residence. Students and employees who live outside North Dakota can participate by going to the nearest NDUS/NDDoH testing site. However, testing closer to home is encouraged if it is available and distance prohibits travel to North Dakota.

Testing in Minot will be conducted at the Minot State Dome, west concourse on the third floor, from 9 a.m. until noon on Aug. 17, 18, 21, 24, and 25. A full list of dates and times are available online at ndus.edu/gettested.

-- University Communications