

Minot State Faculty, Staff, and Students,

Yesterday, North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum announced Ward County has been elevated to the moderate level or “yellow” category; therefore, Minot State University will elevate our response level to coincide with Governor Burgum’s directive for Ward County. Please familiarize yourself with University requirements listed in the following link to our Smart Restart guidelines for moderate risk: <https://www.minotstateu.edu/covid/documents/archived-updates/08-07-2020-campus-reopening-guidelines.pdf> . Please direct any questions you may have to debra.haman@ndus.edu or kevin.harmon@ndus.edu .

Today, The NDDOH informed Minot State University one student has tested positive for COVID-19, and eight students have been moved from active cases to recovered. Minot State uses the following guidance from the NDDOH and CDC for moving students and employees from active cases to recovered:

DISCONTINUING HOME ISOLATION: You need to remain at home until 10 days have passed since your symptoms began AND you are fever free (<100.4°F) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications AND symptoms are improving. Asymptomatic individuals must remain home until 10 days have passed since their specimen collection date, as long as they are asymptomatic for the duration of their isolation.

Full COVID-19 statistics are available at the top of COVID-19 web page <https://www.minotstateu.edu/covid/>. Positive cases, close contacts, and recovery data are provided by the North Dakota Department of Health.

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