



## FALL 2020 RETURN TO CAMPUS

As Minot State University welcomes students, faculty, and staff back to campus in the fall, safety is our top priority. In this email, we will provide important information to plan for your safe return or arrival to campus.

Fall 2020 classes will start Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> after 4:00 pm. Safety protocols following North Dakota Department of Health guidelines will be implemented including physical distancing, room occupancy restrictions, providing masks for all students, and enhanced cleaning and sanitizing practices throughout all University facilities. The University will be prepared to pivot safety protocols as state or local public health guidelines require.

### **Move-in Information**

Move-in will begin August 21 and will be staggered throughout the weekend. Move-in days and times can be selected after July 6th at <https://www.minotstateu.edu/life/> . Questions may be directed to [msu.housing@minotstateu.edu](mailto:msu.housing@minotstateu.edu) .

### **Early Arrivals**

The residence halls will be open prior to the official move-in date for students who need to check-in earlier. Arrangements must be made before your arrival by signing up through your Campus Connection account. Students who arrive early will be responsible for paying a nightly rate; food service will not be provided. Dining plans and residence hall room plans begin on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Questions may be directed to [msu.housing@minotstateu.edu](mailto:msu.housing@minotstateu.edu) .

### **Quarantine for International Students**

Minot State University is committed to the health and safety of our students and preventing the spread of COVID-19. We continue to closely monitor the situation and plan for everyone's safe return in Fall 2020. Minot State University is prepared for the many challenges the coronavirus may cause. As we get closer to the beginning of the semester, more information and details will be communicated.

It is possible that students may need to quarantine upon arrival from countries outside of the United States. Dedicated housing or other accommodations and delivery of meals will be available to students who need to quarantine or isolate.

### **Dining**

The dining center will be open 7 a.m.- 10 p.m. beginning August 21<sup>st</sup>. The full menu will be available with safety precautions in place including limited occupancy based on state guidelines, no self-service of food items, and distancing protocols. Grab and go meals will also be available for students and others who wish not to remain in the dining areas.

### **Student Activities**

Minot State University is committed to offering regular programming for students in the safest manner possible. When events cannot be safely conducted in-person, activities will be offered virtually. In-person events will follow proper physical distancing protocols and the NDDOH guideline of 75% (current risk = low) room capacity.

I understand any frustration and anxiety you may have in preparing for a return to school. Planning this restart has been as challenging as any time in my thirty-year career in education; however, the one assurance I can give is that we are truly excited to see you in August. This experience has been a good reminder to me that without our students, we are not a University. We will get through this together. Please remember our online chat feature is up and running seven days a week to help answer your questions: <https://www.minotstateu.edu/health/covid-19/> or by emailing [kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu](mailto:kevin.harmon@minotstateu.edu) .

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