Greetings.

As a follow-up to messages from Interim President Berndt’s Campus Communications Newsletter and Chancellor Malhotra, we want to continue to keep our campus community updated on resources and guidelines on the novel coronavirus disease, now called COVID-19.

Quick facts

- There are no confirmed cases within our campus communities as of March 6.
- Close monitoring will continue.
- Leaders are outlining plans in the event of significant student or staff absences.
- In the event of confirmed cases, we will follow the guidance of the Minnesota Department of Health and direction from the Minnesota State System.
- Minimize transmission of COVID-19, the flu and more:
  - Wash hands thoroughly
  - Cough into your sleeve
  - Practice respiratory (coughing and sneezing) etiquette, hand hygiene

For those with symptoms or possible exposure

Students, faculty or employees who have concerns about possible COVID-19 symptoms or possible exposure should:

- Call the Minnesota Department of Health Hotline at 651-201-5414
- Work with your supervisor/instructor

If a case is reported

There are no confirmed cases within our campus communities as of March 6. If a case is reported, the Minnesota Department of Health will contact our colleges and provide guidance for next steps, which may include implementing our emergency plans, associated pandemic plans and continuity of operations plans.

Risk

At this time, the CDC states there is low risk of contracting COVID-19 for those who:

- Have NOT traveled to an area with widespread or ongoing community spread
- Have NOT had contact with someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days
Planning
In addition to reviewing our emergency operations plan and pandemic plan, campus and system office leaders are proactively outlining actions that would be taken in the event of significant student or staff absences as a result of the virus. Our plans will be designed to minimize disruption to teaching and learning and protect students and staff from social stigma and discrimination.

Continued monitoring
We will continue to monitor reports, guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Department of Health and the U.S. State Department and will continue to update the campus community accordingly.

More information
DCTC Health Services website
Inver Hills Health Services website

Visit our websites to learn more on these topics and more.
- Healthy best practices
- Symptoms
- Resources
- FAQ
- Communication archive

Dakota County Public Health Services
651-554-6100

Minnesota Department of Health
Current situation summary
HOTLINE: 651-201-5414

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
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