Minneapolis College continues to focus on preparing for potential Pandemic impacts

The Emergency Operations Team (EOT) at Minneapolis College is working with Minnesota State Colleges & Universities officials to continue monitoring the developing situation related to COVID-19. Protecting the health and safety of faculty, staff and students is the top priority for these coordinated efforts.

Minneapolis College’s Emergency Operations Plan has been updated to include guidance specifically for the potential impacts of COVID-19. The Emergency Operations Team meets regularly to assess next steps to ensure planning is in place to address continuity if campus operations are disrupted. Options for extended absenteeism for students and employees are being evaluated. Information is being shared regularly with students and employees in emails, Connect Announcements, on campus monitors, flyers posted across campus, through Student Life correspondence, etc.

Students and employees are encouraged to:
- Practice respiratory (coughing and sneezing) etiquette and hand hygiene.
- Stay at home when sick.

Students can visit the Boynton Student Health Clinic website or in person at H.3400 or contact them by phone at 612-659-6384 regarding any health concerns. Boynton employees are following the clinic’s response protocols relating to patients seeking medical attention and the coronavirus. Students and employees can contact the Minnesota Department of Health or their primary care physician for additional information.

To date, there have been no positive cases of COVID-19 reported at any Minnesota State college or university or at the system office. During spring break, Facilities Staff are doing an additional cleaning of high-touch surfaces in public spaces on campus. Finance and Facilities leaders at Minneapolis College and Minnesota State will continue to monitor reports, guidance and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. State Department as well as MDH.

Additional information from state, national and international organizations about monitoring, planning, and responding to COVID-19 is available at the links below.

**Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)**
For schools: [https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools.html)

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

**World Health Organization**
[https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus)
State Department
Travel Information https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html

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