INFORMATION ON COVID-19 030320

Minneapolis College and Minnesota State are closely monitoring the developing situation related to COVID-19 and are committed to taking steps necessary to protect the health and safety of faculty, staff and students. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website provides up-to-date information regarding COVID-19.

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. Students and employees can contact the MDH or their primary care physician. This information is being shared with employees in a Connect Announcement and with students through an email.

To date, there have been no positive cases of COVID-19 reported at any Minnesota State college or university or at the system office. However, Chancellor Malhotra has suspended all Minnesota State related international travel effective immediately. This includes study abroad programs and any other activities involving faculty, staff and students.

To continue upholding the campus’ commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, additional awareness of potential bias against anyone based on race, ethnicity, or religion based on the origins of COVID-19 may be warranted.

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.

Specific information from MDH for schools, colleges and universities is available at [https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools.html](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools.html). MDH is not recommending cancelling events or extracurricular activities.

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**

Minnesota State Colleges & Universities
[https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/hr/SitePages/topic.aspx?topicID=159&state=about](https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/hr/SitePages/topic.aspx?topicID=159&state=about)