UPDATE: COVID-19 031120

This update is provided by the Minneapolis College Emergency Operations Team (EOT). The team 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.

Campus Status

There are no known cases of the virus on campus. The campus' Emergency Operations Plan has been updated with four specific committees preparing for next steps in case they're needed. The EOT is evaluating options for events, classes, large group meetings and other activities on campus. Enterprise continuity plans are being formulated.

Hoax Emails

Be aware of email hoaxes. An email with the subject line "WARNING I tested positive for Corona Virus" appeared in some inboxes across the Minnesota State system this week. This message appeared as if it was sent from a Minneapolis College student’s email account. Information Technology Services staff contacted the student promptly with email security instructions and is working with Minnesota State to determine the origin of the message. Guidance on managing phishing and spam emails is available in Ask Us.

Recommendations

Students and employees are encouraged to:

- Implement social distancing measures such as communicating via phone, text or online rather than in person whenever it is appropriate.
- 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.
- Contact the Minnesota Department of Health or a primary care physician for additional information.

Additional Resources

A landing page at Minneapolis.edu with information about COVID-19 is available externally. Click here to access it. Be sure to refresh the page with each visit as information is updated frequently.

Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

For schools: 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

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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https://mnsu.sharepoint.com/sites/hr/SitePages/topic.aspx?topicID=159&state=about