UPDATE: COVID-19 032020

Connect Announcement and email to students

This information is posted on Minneapolis Connect and emailed to students. Visit Minneapolis.edu/covid-19 for ongoing updates or to see past communications.

Campus Status

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) provides guidance for actions to take on college campuses where a confirmed COVID-19 case is reported. MDH will notify and then work with Minneapolis College Public Safety staff to contact those who may have been in contact with the individual who has a confirmed positive test.

Minneapolis College faculty and staff continue to prepare to deliver courses and services remotely. Students are asked to complete a short survey regarding the technology they will need to successfully complete the semester using online resources. The survey, sent to student emails, is due March 24. This feedback is critical as plans are put into place to resume classes March 30.

The Boynton Student Health Clinic on campus is open only for urgent care needs. In-person appointments are available for illness, pain/injury or urgent mental health issues. For other concerns, call the clinic at 612.659.6384 to talk with a nurse or healthcare provider. For life-threatening emergency, call 911.

Beginning March 23, students and employees who present a valid Student/Employee ID will be allowed free access into the parking ramp. This is being done to accommodate the few members of the campus community who must remain on campus. It will continue until further notice. Employees with payroll deduction for parking will be receiving additional information.

Workstation ergonomics

Students and employees are gearing up to work remotely. Be sure to set up spaces for studying and working ergonomically by placing components so they support good posture. This Computer Workstation eTool illustrates simple principles for a comfortable computer workstation. In addition, please review the ergonomic laptop recommendations below:

- Find a chair that is comfortable and allows you to sit back.
- Position the laptop on a worksurface so the screen can be seen without bending your neck and achieves a neutral wrist posture.
- Angle a laptop screen with the least amount of neck deviation.
- Follow the postural guidelines for working at a computer workstation: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/computerworkstations/positions.html
- Stand up, stretch, and move rather than remaining in a static posture for a long period of time.

Additional ergonomic information is available at https://mn.gov/admin/risk/safety-loss-control/ergonomics/. Contact Amy Hruska, amy.hruska@minneapolis.edu, with any questions related to workstation ergonomics or to schedule a zoom ergonomic evaluation.
Minneapolis Wi-Fi

The citywide Wi-Fi internet is now available at no charge through USI. Connect via "City of Minneapolis Public WiFi".