

Campus update

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Campus Colleagues,

It has been a number of days since I last sent an update out regarding NDSU activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With this message I hope to provide an update on a few of the more critical items that have taken place recently.

Positive COVID-19

Earlier today you received notice of a positive COVID-19 individual within our community. Our thoughts are with that person as they combat their illness. Please know that we are taking the steps necessary to assist the public health community in tracking known associates so that all who need to can make the appropriate adjustments based on their situation. In all cases, I ask that as you interact with others that you respect the social distancing guidance. The Cass County area has been identified by the North Dakota Department of Health as an area that already has community spread, so extra vigilance should be exercised in all spaces within this part of the state, and truthfully, probably everywhere for the time being.

I have heard of questions being asked as to the process the public health personnel follow when they are working on a COVID-19 infection case. The following paragraphs are from the ND Department of Health FAQ page located here:

<https://www.ndresponse.gov/covid-19-resources/covid-19-faqs>

The North Dakota Department of Health will be conducting interviews with all persons diagnosed with COVID-19 to determine who their close contacts are. People who are identified as close contacts will be notified by the North Dakota Department of Health and will receive instruction on quarantine and monitoring. [Click this link](#) for a fact sheet on being a Close Contact.

If you have not been contacted by the North Dakota Department of Health after you have been in the same location with a person diagnosed with COVID-19, you are not considered a close contact but should continue to follow social distancing guidance, good handwashing hygiene and staying home if you become sick. [Click this link](#) for a fact sheet for people who may have been around someone with COVID-19 but are Not a Close Contact.

Use of NDSU Facilities

You may have heard that NDSU is working with the state of North Dakota in efforts to address surge capacity should it be necessary as the virus continues its spread through the region. We are coordinating with other state and federal agencies in evaluating the suitability of different types of facilities on our campus in support of that effort. At this point, it appears our services, should they be required, would involve housing of overflow staff and providing food services for those who are sheltering at a location off of the NDSU campus.

Housing and Dining Refund Information

Communications are occurring directly with students who live in our residence halls and/or utilize dining services regarding the status of their housing and dining plans. Information on that effort is available on the [Residence Life website](#) and the [Dining website](#).

Parking Refund Information

Students who have checked out of their NDSU housing and are no longer living on campus and students who do not live on campus will receive a parking fee refund of \$30 for a regular parking pass or \$10 refund for a Park & Ride pass.

Question on Outside Contractors

I have heard some questions related to work that outside contractors may be doing on campus. Access to our facilities is still available and we are allowing the private contractors to make their own operational status decisions. They follow the same guidelines as all of us have been asked to by the governor and other public health officials.

Available Resources

I know these are stressful times as you continue to adapt to the changing situation. Please know that resources are still here for you should you need them. The Village Employee Assistance Program, <http://villageeap.com> is available for employees and the NDSU Counseling Center is available for students, <https://www.ndsu.edu/counseling/>. The Student Health Service is also available at 701 231-7331 should you want to discuss health issues or have specific questions related to the Coronavirus. The Dean of Students Office is ready to assist on a variety of issues at <https://www.ndsu.edu/deanofstudents/> or call the Dean of Students Office at 701-231-7701. It is my sincere wish that with the strength of our community all pulling toward our common goal of educational success we will get through this together.

Take care—

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