

Message from Interim President Berndt to DCTC students | March 12, 2020

Dear Students,

As you are likely aware, the Minnesota State college and university system has announced that all classes on all campuses will be suspended from March 16-22. This move was made in order to give schools an opportunity to plan for ways to continue to offer classes while protecting our campuses and communities from the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

This kind of decision isn't made lightly and we recognize that you may have questions or concerns about what this means for you as a student. I'd like to share some key points:

- All classes are suspended from March 16-22. This includes on-campus, online, hybrid, and non-credit classes.
- All campus services will be open and available during normal business hours. This includes the library, student services like advising and financial aid, the Lunch Box food shelf and the café. We are following all of the current guidance from state and local agencies regarding cleaning and disinfecting and are committed to maintain a healthy campus environment.
- In the event that classes are suspended for a longer duration, there is a campus closure, or move to online or remote learning, you will be notified via [StarAlert](#) as well as personal email, the college website, and through D2L. If you need to update your contact information, please do so online via [E-services](#).
- If you are sick with any illness, we encourage you to seek medical attention as appropriate. You can help prevent the spread of germs by staying home, washing your hands frequently [per CDC guidelines](#), and taking care to cover sneezes and coughs. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or believe that you have been exposed, please contact the college immediately by contacting Anne Johnson, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs 651-423-8281.
- Your instructors will be in contact with you in the next week to inform you as to how your particular courses will resume the week of March 23.

We know that there is a lot of uncertainty around COVID-19 so we will be providing regular updates via email, the college website, and our institutional social media channels. Your health and safety are very important to us, as is your ability to successfully complete this semester. We are all working together to ensure your success.

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