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## STUDENT AFFAIRS



### New Mask Requirement

Dear Marlo,

As you know, cases of COVID-19 have been increasing again, especially among the unvaccinated. The Chancellor has directed colleges and universities that reside in counties that have “substantial” or “high” levels of transmission to adopt CDC guidelines and recommend masks indoors for everyone. All Metro counties have moved into the “substantial” list (see [CDC COVID Data Tracker](#)).

As a COVID-19 mitigation measure, DCTC is moving to a mask mandate for the DCTC campus **effective Monday, August 9**. This mandate will be in effect for all students, staff, and guests while on campus **regardless of vaccination status**. The CDC recommends this step because the latest research finds that vaccinated individuals can spread the delta variant to others. We will continue to monitor rates during this mandate and adjust our approach as we see rates change.

I strongly encourage you to get vaccinated. Inver Hills Community College will be hosting a mobile vaccine unit on **August 24 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** in the small College Center parking lot. You are more than welcome to make an appointment or drop in to this clinic. No insurance card, state ID, or other documentation is required! The DCTC [COVID website](#) also lists community vaccination resources.

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Also, effective Monday, August 9, the West building entrance will be closed. Please enter through the East or North (main) entrance. Please maintain the 3-foot social

distance within the classrooms and labs and 6-foot social distance in common areas.

Security personnel will be at campus entrances and roaming on campus to enforce the mask mandate. Please plan to bring a clean mask with you anytime you come to campus. Should you forget, masks will be available on campus at the East and North entrances and in the Enrollment Services Center.

Your health and safety continue to be our top priority. We are taking this measure to ensure you are able to safely continue your education. Thank you for your continued support in these efforts. Have a good fall semester and enjoy the remaining days of summer.

We are looking forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,

**Anne S. Johnson**

Vice President of Student Affairs

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