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August 22 Campus Notification  
Welcome to Fall Semester, Your Safety and Success Is Our Top Priority!

Good Morning IceHawks –

Welcome to Fall Semester 2020!

We just wrapped up the fourth and final Early Bird event to help new and returning students prepare for the start of the new semester on Monday. It's been so exciting to welcome new and returning students, as well as new and returning faculty and staff, to campus. THANK YOU to everyone involved in helping make these events such a success!

This upcoming semester will be unlike any other as we make necessary adjustments to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Campuses, classrooms and labs look different with social distancing, cleaning stations, additional signage, mask requirements, and other health and safety measures in place throughout our campuses. So many people have been working diligently to help prepare for fall semester and to help ensure we are ready to deliver quality education in the safest way possible. Our top priority is the health and safety of our student, faculty, staff and community members!

There are several new policies and practices in place to help keep our campus community as safe as possible. All COVID-19 related campus updates are available at [lsc.edu/coronavirus](https://lsc.edu/coronavirus). Additional details are available in the [LSC COVID-19 Back to Campus Preparedness Plan](#). If you have any related questions that are not addressed on the website, please send them to [info@lsc.edu](mailto:info@lsc.edu) and they will be routed to the appropriate contact.

**We require social distancing and masks on all LSC campus locations, and at all Minnesota State campuses. We are also requiring all students, faculty, staff and visitors to complete the COVID-19 self-assessment screening, [lsc.edu/covid19selfassessment](https://lsc.edu/covid19selfassessment), prior to coming to campus, each day you plan on being on campus.**

If you're not able to do the screening electronically, a hard copy version of the electronic health screenings is available, or the following screening questions may be asked by faculty or college officials:

1. Do you have a temperature or fever greater than 100.4 degrees?
2. Do you have a new or worsening cough?
3. Are you experiencing shortness of breath?
4. Within the last 14 days, have you been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Students with questions, concerns or who answer yes to any of these screening questions should contact our Dean of Students, Wade Gordon, [wade.gordon@lsc.edu](mailto:wade.gordon@lsc.edu) and he, or a member of his team, will help walk you through the process. While each situation is unique, a general breakdown and flowchart of the quarantine process and steps are available at <https://www.lsc.edu/helppreventspread/>.

The reality is, we know COVID-19 is real and it is in our community. We are doing everything we can to help prevent the spread and to help keep our campus community safe. However, we know positive cases within our campus community are inevitable. There is now community spread of COVID-19 in [St. Louis County](#), so I urge all of you to be cautious not only while on campus but also when out in public, to follow all safety guidelines — including the use of cloth masks or face coverings and social distancing. We sincerely care about your health and safety, and the health and safety of our entire community. If you are sick, please do not come to campus, and contact your faculty member and/or supervisor, as well as your health care provider, immediately.

As positive cases occur, we will continue to follow our outlined procedures, in accordance with the [Minnesota State system policies](#) around COVID-19, as well as the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) (MDH) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC). We will also continue to provide the latest updates to the campus community through official communication including email, social media and our [website](#). I plan to provide a weekly update and encourage you to continue to monitor our [website](#) for the latest information.

We have had our first official confirmed case of COVID-19 from a member of our campus community who was on campus within the past 14 days. In accordance with our [campus preparedness plan](#), specific notifications have been made by our COVID-19 campus contact, Human Resources, and Academic and Student Affairs to all individuals known to have been in contact with the person during the time they were on campus. We have directly informed everyone who may have been at high risk of exposure, as well as those at lower-risk, just to err on the side of caution. The case is an employee who was last on campus on or about Tuesday, August 18. This has resulted in a small group of individuals who will self-quarantine, per the outlined plan. All other necessary protocols and practices from our campus COVID-19 Preparedness Plan are being followed, which includes additional cleaning and notifications.

All of this further demonstrates how important it is to for all of us to continue to be vigilant, continue to practice social-distancing, continue to wear a mask, and continue to do everything we can to help keep ourselves, and each other, as safe as possible.

I can't say enough about the outstanding work our faculty and staff have put in to help prepare us to start this fall semester as safely as possible. We know it will be a unique semester filled with adjustment and challenges, but we also know that've adjusted before and have always risen to the occasion.

Thank you for being here and for all you are doing to help keep yourself and others safe. Thank you for your understanding, your cooperation, your patience and your flexibility in these ever-changing times. We'll get through this together and we will continue to help support each other however possible.

I wish you a safe and successful fall semester. Please let me or anyone on our administrative team know how we can continue to help support your success.

Sincerely,

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