Students –

Happy finals week! Throughout the semester, I have appreciated your responsibility and flexibility related to the COVID-19 situation. **As we near the end of finals week, I am asking for your continued collaboration to minimize the risk of COVID-19 throughout the semester break.**

Through all of us remaining diligent in our **personal prevention practices**, we can continue to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

- Wash your hands frequently (or use hand sanitizer).
- Consistently and properly wear face coverings (over mouth and nose) in public or when around anyone not from your immediate household.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and report if you have symptoms or if a close contact tests positive for COVID-19 (**even over the break**).
- Practice physical distancing whenever possible.
- Get tested throughout the break; testing events will be consistently held in Wahpeton (Mondays) and Fargo (Thursdays).
  - To find options in communities across North Dakota, visit [http://ndus.edu/gettested/](http://ndus.edu/gettested/).
- Avoid gatherings with anyone **not** in your immediate household, especially indoors.
- Limit unnecessary trips and consider **limiting** the number of people you expose yourself to over the holidays.

**Spring Semester**

As we look forward to the spring semester, classes will begin at **4 p.m. on Monday, January 11** with residence halls re-opening on **Sunday, January 10 at 10 a.m.** Residence halls, dining options and classrooms/shops/labs will follow the operational guidelines established by the N.D. Department of Health. For the most up-to-date information on current risk levels and guidelines, visit [https://www.ndscs.edu/covid-19-information-updates/ndscs-covid-19-response-plans](https://www.ndscs.edu/covid-19-information-updates/ndscs-covid-19-response-plans). This will be updated over the break.

**Get Registered**

If you are not registered for your 2021 spring semester classes, contact Student Success at 701-671-3000 as soon as possible for assistance. **Students living on campus for the spring semester MUST be registered before returning to campus** (keys are ONLY re-issued to registered students).

Thank you for your continued partnership to help us minimize the spread of COVID-19 to our families, friends and the community.

Happy holidays and stay WELL, Wildcats!

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