Colleagues –

To help minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19, especially to your friends and family members this holiday season, we encourage you to get tested, report symptoms/close contacts, and monitor yourself for COVID-19. Similar messages have been, and will continue to be, sent to students.

**Testing**

FREE testing options available **TODAY** at NDSCS Wahpeton, in the Fargo community, and throughout North Dakota.

**Semester Break Testing Events**

**Wahpeton***:

**TODAY 9 – 11 a.m.** at the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center (Wahpeton) (conducted by NDSCS Student Health Service)

**12/28/2020 9 – 11 a.m.** at the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center (Wahpeton) (conducted by NDSCS Student Health Service)

**1/4/2020 9 – 11 a.m.** at the Harry Stern and Ella Stern Cultural Center (Wahpeton) (conducted by NDSCS Student Health Service)

**Fargo***:

**Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.** at Faith Journey Lutheran Church, located at 650 40th Ave. S. in West Fargo (please indicate that you are a NDSCS student/employee).

**Thursdays from 1-5 p.m.** at the Sanford Health Athletic Complex at NDSU, located at 1600 N University Drive in Fargo (enter using the south doors) – NOTE: December 31 testing will only go until 4 p.m.

**Test Events in North Dakota***:

To find options in communities across North Dakota, visit [http://ndus.edu/gettested/](http://ndus.edu/gettested/)

If you have **NOT** been tested by the NDDoH, please pre-register at [testreg.nd.gov](http://testreg.nd.gov). If you **HAVE** been tested by the NDDoH, please come and be tested again, but there is no need to register again.

*This schedule is subject to change, please review [http://ndus.edu/gettested/](http://ndus.edu/gettested/) or NDSCS.edu/COVID-19 for updates.

**Report**

Please 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).

NDSCS will continue to track those within our NDSCS community (students, employees) that have tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered. **These numbers will be updated weekly (December 21, 28; January 4) throughout the break and we will resume daily updates (by 3 p.m.) on January 11.**

**Monitoring & Personal Prevention Practices**

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 (see above).
• 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.

Happy holidays and stay well!
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