



NDSCS Students –

As we are all aware, COVID-19 continues to spread and affect many parts of the U.S. and the rest of the world. The health of our community is our most important priority. While there are relatively few confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the region, the number of cases nationally continues to grow. **Now is the best time to act to slow the spread of COVID-19; because of this we are announcing that face-to-face classes will NOT be held in person from March 23 through April 3rd. Teaching/learning during this time will continue to take place and will be facilitated through remote/virtual learning methods.**

NDSCS will facilitate all teaching and learning remotely, through varied distance delivery methods from March 23 through April 3rd. To the greatest extent possible, faculty will utilize technology to enable student learning through distance/technology delivery methods - this will vary based on the course/class.

Students will be expected to:

- Check their e-mail and NDSCS Online with instructions on how learning will be facilitated for all their courses March 23 – April 3rd. Through email, NDSCS Online, and other typical communication methods faculty members will share their expectations for course assignments, participation, and engagement.
- Meet expectations outlined by faculty during this time just as they would if the course were being held face-to-face.
- Participate in their clinical, field experience, internships, and SOE (this will be communicated by faculty members).

Residence Halls:

If you live on campus and are planning to leave campus for Spring Break, **plan to not return until April 5th**. When you leave for Spring Break, take essential belongings, academic materials, laptops and medications with you and do not return to your residence hall following Spring Break until at least April 5th.

We recognize that some students may be unable to leave campus for various reasons and will need to stay in their residence halls. If you anticipate you will need to return to campus between March 23 and April 5th, please contact the NDSCS Residential Life Department at 701-671-2224 or go to Riley Hall 130.

Students who must stay in the residence halls from March 23rd through April 5th should be prepared for a reduced campus experience with limited opportunities for interaction and entertainment. Dining options will be available, information will be shared with those students who are staying on campus.

Travel:

The risk of contracting COVID-19 increases substantially the more you are around other people. Travel frequently puts us in close contact with many people, such as in airplanes, airports, restaurants, and large events or gatherings.

Please consider whether your travel is necessary, and if it could possibly be postponed or canceled. If you must travel, try as much as possible to practice social distancing by avoiding large crowds and keeping space between you and others where people congregate. Practice frequent hand-hygiene by washing your hands



with soap and water or using an alcohol-based product. If you travel, you may face a higher risk contracting COVID-19, significant delays in returning, and/or the requirement to self-isolate upon your return.

For individuals that are planning to travel, please review information on the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/>

Additionally, the North Dakota Department of Health is encouraging anyone who is traveling to use this assessment: https://ndhealth.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eb7sJjKhR2UfB7n

Communication & Updates:

During Spring Break and the following weeks communication to all students and employees will be shared through NDSCS e-mail. Updates will also be posted online at NDSCS.edu. We evaluate the situation and communicate a decision by the end of the week of March 30, with potential to resume face-to-face classes on April 6.

If you have questions about any of the above information, please call the NDSCS Student Success Center at 701-671-3000.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we adapt to this constantly evolving situation.

Stay Well & Thank You!

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