



Students –

In our region COVID-19 hospitalizations and new COVID-19 cases are at record highs. While NDSCS community counts have trended lower than the county, region, and statewide levels, it is clear that there is an increased risk to all of us to come into contact with COVID-19 through community spread.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and the end of the semester, **I am asking all of you to remain diligent in your personal prevention practices** – including:

- Washing your hands frequently (or use hand sanitizer)
- Consistently and properly wear face coverings (over mouth and nose) in public both on **AND** off campus
- Monitor yourself for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and [report](#) ASAP if you have symptoms or if a close contact tests positive for COVID-19.
- Practice physical distancing whenever possible
- Get tested weekly at one of our [testing events](#)
- 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 Thanksgiving holiday

At this time, NDSCS current instruction modes (face-to-face, online, hybrid) will continue through the end of the semester. If you have questions about your courses, please contact the NDSCS Student Success Center at 701-671-3000. Residence halls, dining options and class/shops/labs will continue to follow the operational guidelines established by the ND Department of Health.

Students living in the residence halls or campus apartments may stay over the Thanksgiving break. Dining services will be closed from Wednesday, November 25 through Sunday, November 29 – if you need assistance with meals during this time, please contact NDSCS Residential Life at 701-671-2276 or my office at 701-671-2627.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Please get registered as SOON as possible for your 2021 Spring semester classes. Contact your academic advisor or Student Success for assistance. We encourage you get registered **before** the Thanksgiving holiday.

Your efforts to keep yourself healthy will minimize the risk and spread of COVID-19 to your family, friends, the NDSCS and greater community.

Stay well, Wildcats!

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