

Update for students studying on campus 08-07-2020

Masks, Testing, Social Distancing

Greetings! The Mayville State staff and faculty eagerly await the beginning of the fall semester. Though we may have connected with you virtually over the past several months, we've missed seeing the students who are the heart of our campus from day to day. We're committed to being here and to providing the kinds of experiences you want and deserve. Our faculty and staff have been working hard to be ready to provide a safe environment in which we will be making our best efforts to keep our students, faculty, and staff healthy.

Your commitment to this team effort will be extremely important. Please see the information below that describes ways in which we can help one another stay healthy and the university open for the academic year.

Masks

In consideration of new guidelines recently provided by the State Board of Higher Education and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mayville State University will be requiring that all individuals on Mayville State University property or participating in official university events wear a face covering to contain potentially contaminated droplets while indoors. This requirement will go into effect on **Monday, August 10** and be in effect until further notice.

COVID-19 Testing

All students who will be studying on the Mayville State campus are strongly encouraged to test for COVID-19 approximately five days prior to arriving on campus for the fall semester. This is the best thing students can do right now to stop the spread of the virus. In many cases, young adults are asymptomatic, not even knowing they are carrying the virus.

Mayville State student athletes must follow the guidelines regarding COVID-19 testing established by the NAIA. Coaches will inform their athletes of specific information regarding testing.

Statewide Testing: To make it easy to test before arriving on campus, the North Dakota Department of Health is offering free tests at numerous locations throughout the state for all college-bound students in North Dakota. The Dept. of Health will provide the test results within 2-3 days and students will know they are healthy as they leave home and head to campus. [See all the details at www.ndus.edu/gettested](http://www.ndus.edu/gettested). Students who live out of state should consult their own public health departments to find free testing sites in their region prior to leaving for campus.

Testing at Mayville State: Mayville State University has teamed up with Traill County District Health Unit and the North Dakota National Guard to offer free testing on the Mayville State campus. Testing will take place in the Wellness Center gymnasium.

- Testing dates and times for students:
 - Wednesday, Aug. 12, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. - Student athletes

- Monday, Aug. 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Students attending on-campus classes in the fall semester
- Those who wish to participate should pre-register at testreg.nd.gov. Pre-registering will save time when you arrive at the testing site. When pre-registering, it is important that you enter your North Dakota address, as well as your current cell phone number so that the results of the test can get to you without confusion.
- Face coverings must be worn upon entering the building.
- Testing events will continue during the times listed as long as testing kits are available. If tests run out, the event will be closed for the day.

Social Distancing

Please be mindful of social distancing. It will be important to maintain a six-foot distance between people whenever possible. Classrooms have been reconfigured to accommodate social distancing. We realize that social distancing may not always be feasible, but whenever possible, please follow the six-foot guideline.

We all know that the pandemic-related situations can change quickly. To see Mayville State's most up-to-date information, please keep an eye on our [Fall 2020 Restart](#) web pages. If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Andrew Pflipsen at andrew.pflipsen@mayvillestate.edu. We look forward to your return to campus and teaming up with you to help keep our campus community safe and well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President
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