



# MAYVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES

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*The guidelines outlined in this document are practices Mayville State University expects our students, faculty, staff, and external community members to follow in order to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus and keep community spread low.*

*As the Coronavirus pandemic evolves, so too will our plan. The information contained in this guidebook is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the Mayville State Covid-19 Restart website at:*

<https://mayvillestate.edu/about-msu/fall-2020-covid-19-restart/>

# Risk/Action Levels

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What follows is an overview of the Risk/Action Levels *Mayville State University* will use to identify the level of risk for COVID-19 and the appropriate measures to be taken based on those risks. Although each progressive level involves increased precautionary measures and actions, there remain precautions and actions applicable at all levels.

## The Mayville State Campus Restart Guidebook

As part of Mayville State University's continued response to the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent changes needed in academic and campus operations, the [Mayville State Campus Restart Guidebook](#) has been developed. Please note that the guidebook will continue to change and evolve as the situation with the pandemic continues to develop and evolve. Updates will be sent out to campus via email and also noted within the COVID-19 Restart website.

## Student Health and Safety

In the event a student experiences symptoms of COVID-19, the student is asked to consider the following:

- Stay home. Do not go to class. Do not go to athletic practices or other activities or events.
  - Please note in the case of extended absences, documentation from a medical provider may be needed and can be submitted to the Director of Student Success and Disability Services.
- If you have a fever (100.4 or higher), cough, or shortness of breath, call your medical provider or make an appointment with Student Health.
- If you are having an emergency, go to the ER or dial 9-1-1.
- If you are concerned that your symptoms align with COVID-19, take this [North Dakota Department of Health](#) survey.

In the event a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student is asked to consider the following:

Students are encouraged to self-report or report other cases of COVID-19 using the [Mayville State reporting](#) form. The MSU COVID-19 Liaison will review the reporting form and provide associated guidance and support for all involved MSU faculty, staff, and students.

Residential students who need to quarantine will do so in their own rooms. Rooms will be set aside for on-campus students who may need to isolate at any point during the semester. Meals will be delivered to the rooms and Student Life will provide daily wellness checks to students in these situations.

## **External Resources for Guidance**

The health and safety of our students, staff, and faculty is our top priority. All colleges and universities are responding differently. Our response is based on guidance from:

- Coordination with our local public health officials, Traill District Health Unit.
- Guidance from the North Dakota Department of Health (ND Smart Restart).
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)

## **Internal Resources for Guidance**

A cross-functional taskforce has been established in order to identify and address challenges, obstacles, and considerations needed as Mayville State fully returns to campus for Fall 2020. The goal of the taskforce will be to identify needs and find practical, pragmatic solutions aligned with state, NDUS and CDC guidelines that fit Mayville State's scale, resources, and campus environment. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to speak with taskforce members if they have concerns that they would like brought to a meeting.

# Overview of Risk/Action Levels

## Mayville State Safety Levels

The Mayville State Safety Levels act as general guidelines for what the Mayville State campus community can expect and how we can help keep each other safe during COVID-19. As coronavirus cases fluctuate within our campus community and Traill County, Mayville State has three levels of safety to guide what’s permissible for academic, student life and other activities.

The guidelines are fluid and subject to change based on new information from the CDC and State of North Dakota. Exceptions may apply.

What’s Allowed?	Safety Level 1: High Community Spread	Safety Level 2: Low to Moderate Community Spread	Safety Level 3: Vaccine or Treatments Available
<b>Learning</b>	All remote	Mix of in-person and online	New normal with recommended safety precautions*
<b>Working</b>	ON-CAMPUS: Essential employees only REMOTE: All other employees	Mix of in-person and remote	New normal with recommended safety precautions*
<b>Meeting &amp; Socializing</b>	All virtual  Public spaces closed  Virtual gatherings encouraged	Mix of In-Person and Virtual  Limited, with strong social distancing precautions.	New normal with recommended safety precautions*
<b>Housing &amp; Dining</b>	Halls closed as feasible  Grab and Go dining options only.	Halls open with increased precautions and sanitation efforts.  Dining services offer expanded options with physical distancing and no self-service	New normal with recommended safety precautions*

\*Mayville State follows the State of North Dakota’s Smart Restart guidelines for event/meeting capacities, but our guidelines may be stricter at times due to the density and mobility of our campus population.

## Change in Safety Levels

Mayville State is actively and regularly monitoring the following indicators to determine the recommended Safety Level that the University should adhere to at any given time. If one or more of the indicators impacts the Mayville State community, it may prompt Mayville State to move from one Safety Level to another.

It's important to note that depending on the prevalence of COVID-19 in the greater Mayville State community, the University may have fluid movement between levels and among types of activities as the situation evolves. It is likely that a significant amount of flexibility will be needed to adapt to the ever-changing and unprecedented situation to address on-campus operations and remote work and classes.

## Revert to Level 1 from Any Level

- Substantial rise in new COVID-19 cases relevant to the Mayville State campus community and Traill County population;
- Substantial number of cases tied to cannot be tracked to known cases (i.e., community spread);
- Inability to conduct case investigation of new COVID-19 cases;
- Inability to rapidly isolate all newly identified COVID-19 cases;
- Inability to provide testing of symptomatic and identified close contacts of newly identified cases;
- Insufficient supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to meet demand; and/or
- Sanford Mayville and/or referral hospitals are no longer able to treat all patients requiring hospitalization without entering crisis mode.

## From Level 1 to Level 2

- Sustained reduction in new COVID-19 cases within the Mayville State campus community and Traill County population;
- Ability to conduct case investigation of new COVID-19 cases;
- Ability to rapidly isolate all newly identified COVID-19 cases;
- Ability to provide testing of symptomatic and identified close contacts of newly identified cases;
- Sufficient supply of PPE to meet demand; and/or
- Sanford Mayville and/or referral hospitals are able to safely treat all patients requiring hospitalization without entering crisis mode.

## From Level 2 to Level 3

- A proven, FDA-approved vaccine is available to the Mayville State community; and/or
- Other therapeutic options for prevention or treatment show a measurable impact on disease activity, help rescue very sick patients, and are available to the Mayville State community.

## Process for Safety Level Decisions

The following process is used to determine Safety Level changes at Mayville State University:

- Members of Mayville State's COVID-19 Restart Taskforce and/or the MSU COVID Liaison consult regularly with the appropriate entities in Traill County and the State of North Dakota.
- The COVID-19 Restart Taskforce meets bi-monthly, at minimum, to discuss COVID-19 issues. Frequency may change based on the current safety level.
- Based on the presence of the indicators above, and in consultation with the COVID-19 Restart Team, Cabinet provides Safety Level recommendations.
- The President's Cabinet will meet weekly and as needed to discuss specific COVID-19 issues and to advise the President.
- The President and President's Cabinet makes the final decision on any Safety Level changes needed to keep the Mayville State campus community safe.

## Safety Level Notifications

Mayville State's current Safety Level is indicated continuously on the [COVID-19 Restart](#) website.

If there is a change in Mayville State's Safety Level, the same process used to notify the campus community of weather-related closings or other emergencies will be used (even if the change is an improvement), including:

- Mass emails
- Text notifications
- Social media
- Website emergency banner
- Digital signage

***Departments hosting visitors or other external stakeholders are responsible for notifying them of Safety Level changes.***