

Update for all Mayville State Faculty, Staff, Students

Sept. 26, 2020

Re: Follow-up to Sept. 22 message on COVID-19

Good afternoon,

I am writing to follow up on the message I sent earlier this week regarding COVID-19 and the campus community. You will recall that there was a positive COVID-19 test result for one student who takes classes on campus and lives off campus.

While public health officials conducted the work of contact tracing, we at Mayville State chose to use extreme caution in handling the situation. Several potential close contacts were asked to self-quarantine until public health contact tracers could complete their work.

The North Dakota Department of Health contact tracing process is now complete. Nine students who attend classes on campus and live off campus were determined to be close contacts. Eight students who attend classes on campus and live on campus were determined to be close contacts. Four Mayville State employees were determined to be close contacts.

The health department officials have notified these individuals of their findings and given instructions as to how they should proceed. Mayville State personnel have communicated with students and instructed them to notify their professors that they will not be attending classes in person until further notice. Individuals who were in self-quarantine and who are not close contacts as determined by the Department of Health no longer need to quarantine and have been notified as such.

There will be an exclusive testing event at Mayville State on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Only the individuals identified as close contacts in this case will be tested.

Again, I urge everyone to be diligent in wearing masks, screening for symptoms, and practicing general good health habits such as washing hands and disinfecting surfaces.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President

Mayville State University