Dear M State student community,

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz is committed to protecting the health, safety and well-being of Minnesotans during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an order to curb the spread of COVID-19, support our health care providers and facilities, and mitigate the impact on Minnesota families during this holiday break, Gov. Walz issued Executive Order 20-99.

The executive order went into effect at midnight on Friday November 20 and remains in effect through December 18. In response to the order, the college will be implementing the following changes related to operations:

Academics:
  Fall in-person
  • Additional courses that have been on campus during the semester will be moving to an online format after the Thanksgiving break. Your instructor will notify you if your class is moving online.

  Campus Information
  • Face-to-face studying can occur only between you and one other student (two students only).
    o Group studying must be done virtually.
  • Support services, including internet access, will remain available on campus.

Student Support:
  • Services are available virtually to support all students with their academic and student support needs. Please visit minnesota.edu and wait for the chat prompt or call 1.877.450.3322 for assistance.

Travel:
  • If you travel out of state other than to Minnesota border cities, it is strongly recommended that you quarantine for 14 days upon your return.

Testing:
  • If you develop symptoms and wish to be tested for COVID-19, please contact your local healthcare provider or utilize one of the free testing sites within Minnesota.

We understand that these changes are impacting you and your college experience, and we wish things could be different. During this international pandemic, though, we believe we all need to take responsibility to ensure that we protect ourselves, our neighbors and our friends. We must all take the necessary precautions to slow the spread.

The healthcare community is at maximum capacity and is asking for us to assist in bringing down the case numbers. It is our hope that these new protocols will help to ensure that we can finish fall semester and begin preparing for spring semester.

Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,