COVID-19 Update
January 6, 2021

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Presentation Format

- Zoom webinar format
- All lines are muted - Chat function is disabled
- Questions submitted in advanced will be answered throughout presentation

This session is being recorded and will be available on the COVID-19 website

Any questions submitted through the Q&A function will be answered at the end of the presentation
Agenda

• Opening Remarks – President Scott Olson
• University Advancement - Introduction of Vice President Jon Olson
• COVID-19 Latest – Health Service Director Connie Kamara
• Academic Affairs and Classroom Instruction – Provost Darrell Newton
• Athletics – Associate AD/Senior Women’s Administrator Melanie Brunsdon
• Student Life – Vice President Denise McDowell
Opening Remarks

Dr. Scott R. Olson
President
Opening Remarks

- Why are we Level 3 - Orange?
- “Soft Launch”
- Vaccinations
- Our Ethos is Safety
- Hope
University Advancement

Jon Olson

Vice President for Advancement
and
Executive Director of WSU Foundation
COVID-19 Latest

Connie Kamara
Director of Health Services
Forging Ahead with Fortitude in the New Year!

WSU COVID-19 Response
January 6, 2021
Count on me

to Lay Low in a Modified Quarantine

WINONA
STATE UNIVERSITY

Health & Wellness Services

ASK A NURSE
MESSAGE LINE
507.457.2332
Get 8 Hours of Sleep

GREAT WARRIOR HIBERNATION

WEEK 1 @WELLWarriorsGHGH
Create a Quarantine Playlist to Share with Friends

GREAT WARRIOR HIBERNATION
WEEK 2 @WELLWarriorsGHGH
Treat Yourself to Something Nice while Shopping Online

GREAT WARRIOR HIBERNATION

WEEK 3 @WELLWARRIORSGHGH
If you are planning to return to campus...

It is recommended to get tested for COVID-19 AGAIN 2-3 DAYS before you leave.

Get tested again Jan. 6th–8th.
HAVE YOU FILLED OUT THE DAILY SELF-ASSESSMENT?

Fill out the WSU Daily Self-Assessment at https://minnstate.edu/CV19-WSU
If you returned to campus...

It is recommended to get tested for COVID-19 5-7 days after you return.

Get tested Jan. 14th–16th.
How long do I need to Quarantine?

- I tested earlier than 5 days after exposure & the result was negative
- I live with roommates
- I am a health care worker
- I had MORE THAN one contact with the confirmed case

Quarantine 14 Days

DEINITIONS
Close Contact: Being within 6 feet from someone for 15 minutes or more throughout a 24-hour period, regardless of if a mask.
Quarantine: Separates and restricts the movement of people who are in close contact of a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

- I don’t have symptoms or I’m asymptomatic
- I live alone
  If you are living in a single room in one of the WSU residence halls, then you are considered to be living alone.
- I ONLY had a 1-time contact with the confirmed case

Quarantine 10 Days

If you believe that you have met the criteria for an early release, please contact Ask-A-Nurse at 507.457.2292 with an explanation of how you have met each.

If you develop symptoms or test positive during your quarantine, begin isolating immediately and call Ask-A-Nurse at 507.457.2292.
Q: MSU Mankato is already talking about faculty/staff/student COVID vaccine clinics in March-April. Do we have any preliminary information about vaccines at WSU or is that just a lot of assumptions being made at Mankato?

A: Health and Wellness Services is working with state and local health departments to secure vaccine for our students.

Everyone must follow the established phased distribution of vaccine which unfortunately seems to be moving slower than we hoped it would.

We would love to see our campus vaccinated as soon as possible but we will have to wait until vaccine is distributed to us and at this point, we do not know when that will be though we are registered and ready to receive!
Q: I plan to get the vaccine when it becomes available, but I am hearing many people who plan NOT to get the vaccine. Will the vaccine be required at WSU for Fall semester?

A: The COVID-19 vaccine cannot be mandatory as it is being used under EUA Emergency Use Authorization which prohibits it from being made mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged as it is safe and remarkably effective.
Q: In what order will the faculty and staff receive the vaccination?

That is: Will faculty who teach in-person and staff who work in-person with students receive the vaccination first?

A: Minnesota State and Minnesota Department of health are currently developing a plan to coordinate a vaccination campaign to sub prioritize groups within our campus community.

Strike teams will vaccinate according to this plan on campus, at the Rochester campus, and potentially at other nearby institutions i.e., SE Tech
Q: What can WSU do to support the timely COVID vaccination of faculty and staff to speed a return to in-person options, especially given that the pace of vaccination has been so slow, including in Winona?

A: We must work within the phased dissemination, but we can be as prepared to execute the minute we are able to.
Q: Students returning from Ontario Canada. How many days do they have to quarantine?

Minnesota States Website says 14 days. We would like to clarify as our daughter is returning from Ontario today. Her and her friend were given no instruction at the border which we felt was weird. When she came home, she was checked on by our police to make sure she was quarantining for 14 days.

A: Any travel outside of Minnesota, a 14-day quarantine is recommended on your return along with testing 5-7 days after your return.
Dr. Darrell Newton
Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs
As you finalize your plans for the spring semester, please:

Continue to teach classes online as often as possible and arrange for face-to-face meetings only if necessary. Deans will continue to monitor all courses that must be delivered in-person, and support faculty in strengthening online course offerings in alignment with program goals.
As you finalize your plans for the spring semester:

As noted in the Minnesota Department of Health’s “Guidance for Mitigating COVID-19,” classroom occupancy should still be limited to no more than 50 students whenever possible. We must continue to require social distancing (meaning 6 feet of physical distance apart) be maintained by faculty and students as much as possible. The MDH and the state have determined that classes cannot exceed 250 people.
As you finalize your plans for the spring semester, please note:

Within Academic Affairs and the Office of Institutional Planning, Assessment & Research (IPAR) we continue to review data from spring, summer, and the preliminary fall term. This includes the review of student feedback to determine the best delivery approach for addressing course objectives and desired outcomes.
As you finalize your plans for the spring semester:

In conjunction with the Deans, we seek to identify courses that for purposes of accreditation, require test proctoring. Further, there are ongoing discussions among Cabinet on resources and strategies to address those inequities within this time of COVID.

As a staunch reminder, the safety of students, faculty, and staff comes first. Our most important consideration during these difficult times is you.
Q: The Chancellor sent out guidance at the beginning of December regarding laying low/quarantining until Feb. 1 including recommendations for decreased employee foot traffic on campus besides essential employees, moving more classes to online as feasible (even for the first few weeks of classes), and phased re-entry.

How is our beginning of the semester aligning with the Chancellor’s guidance/recommendations?
A: I would suggest that we are in complete alignment with the Chancellor’s directives. Academic Affairs in partnership with the Deans continues to reinforce the notion of keeping as many classes online, as possible, for now. Again, exceptions such as labs, sims, and internships must be executed carefully and with increased concerns for the students and faculty.

Suggestions of “laying low” are being cautiously handled by Student Life in conjunction with Health and Wellness Services. These efforts also mostly relate to student gatherings such as organizational meetings, and on a face-to-face basis.

When considering faculty, decreased employee foot traffic on campus is a given and is happening naturally as a result of moving more classes online since fall of 2020.
Q: Are all classes next semester online or are there going to be some in-person classes?

Breakdown of course delivery methods for the spring 2021 semester below.
Athletics

Melanie Brunsdon
Associate Athletic Director / Senior Women’s Administrator
Athletics

• NSIC basketball schedule changes for 2020-21 academic year to minimize number of unique contacts.
• Testing cadence to meet executive order requirements and NCAA SSI guidelines.
• Cancelled contests.
  • Two games, one women’s and one men’s, scheduled against Duluth on January 3, 2021.
  • Four games, two women’s and two men’s, scheduled against Southwest Minnesota State on January 8 & 9, 2021.
“My mom says she’s runnin’ out of PATIENCE! What shelf is that on?”
• Lay Low (modified quarantine) - move with care and caution limiting non-essential activities
• WSU modified quarantine – January 11 – February 1
• Essential activities – class, food, rest, work, exercise
• COVID19 protocol – wear mask, sanitize hands, physical distance, disinfect commonly used surfaces, stay in living space when sick
• Daily Self-Assessment before coming to campus
• COVID-19 Self Report when exposed
• Connect with Faculty for clarity on course expectations
Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful.

-Unknown-

Low risk activities
Reservations
Zoom unlimited
Inconveniences
Connections
Sanctions for Noncompliance

Winona State University Student Conduct Code

The Conduct Code is based on mutual respect and understanding. In this community of learners, student conduct issues will be addressed with an educational approach. Sanctions will be designed as educational opportunities which promote personal responsibility.
Q: Will people get repercussions for not following the social distancing guidelines, especially including students in nursing or public health majors who continue to go out to bars without masks while doing their clinical hours?

A: Together we will continue this journey with self and others in mind. Wear a face covering, sanitize hands, keep physical distance of 6 plus feet, and disinfect common surfaces before use.

If you see someone not in compliance a gentle reminder may work. If not submit a non-compliance form here: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?WinonaStateUniv&layout_id=23. This is the proper channel to submit a non-compliance report for COVID19 safety violations.
Q: What campus events/activities will be allowed during the Jan. 11-25 lay low period for clubs/organizations and other departments/programs? Who and how will specifics be communicated out?

A: Face to face activities will be limited, but this lay low period does not affect ability to take part via ZOOM and online platforms.

Pay attention to your email. Several communications will be sent via email and text within the next week.
Q: When will club sports be able to start meeting/practicing (for those who have a COVID safety plan on file)? Does the timeline differ if they are practicing on campus or off campus?

A: At this time, we are still limited to the 17 low-risk sports clubs that were approved Fall 2020 within the COVID-19 adjusted restrictions. Approval subject to change with short notice.

Governor Walz announcements/changes in addition to local health authorities will inform campus decisions.
Q: What will the gyms and fitness center be looking like when the semester starts on the 11th?

A: Currently, all fitness facilities have limited access due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The gyms in the IWC are open with limitations and restrictions as governed by COVID-19 adjusted restrictions.

Gyms can be reserved if the activity is part of the 17 minimal risk approved activities.

Subject to change with short notice.
Q: Will the Lourdes gym be available for use?

A: The Lourdes gym is available; we will do a slow roll opening meaning reduced occupancy and reservations will be required.
Q: When people travel out of the country for vacations, what is the protocol they must follow when they have returned?

Do they have to self-quarantine and if so, do they have to use their personal time since it was their choice to take a vacation and not be able to fall under the COVID-19 leave?
Next COVID-19 Update Meeting