

Message from Student Affairs to DCTC students | March 20, 2020

**From:** [studentservices@dctc.edu](mailto:studentservices@dctc.edu)

**Subject Line:** DCTC COVID-19 Actions – Updates, resources and more

Dear Students,

This email is designed to give you an update on the current status of classes and services at Dakota County Technical College and to share with you some important community and governmental resources to provide support during the COVID-19 crisis.

I want to assure you that we are committed to students being able to complete their course spring course work and we do not anticipate that we will extend the spring semester. Further, we have every expectation that we will be ready for summer and fall beyond that ([Registration is now open!](#)).

Current updates:

- Classes resume March 30. No learning is expected during this time.
- Faculty are working on alternative modes of instruction and should be in contact with you.
- An email will be sent out next week regarding any student technology needs as we pivot to alternative modes of learning.

#### STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Student Affairs staff can be reached via email or phone.
  - For admissions questions, email [admissions@dctc.edu](mailto:admissions@dctc.edu) or call 651-423-8000.
  - For academic and financial aid advising, email [advising@dctc.edu](mailto:advising@dctc.edu) or call 651-423-8397.

#### COMMENCEMENT

- The Chancellor has made the decision to cancel the commencement ceremony to minimize large group gatherings. We are currently looking for alternative ways to celebrate your upcoming graduation. Look for additional information soon.

#### BUILDING HOURS UPDATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 20, 2020

- Building accessible only at these times: Mondays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- The front main entrance will be the only one unlocked.

## CAMPUS SERVICES

- The DCTC library is closed March 20-29. The library will reopen with limited hours starting the week of March 30.
  - Online resources link <http://dctc.lib.minnstate.edu/subjects/databases.php>
  - Library staff can be reached at [library@dctc.edu](mailto:library@dctc.edu).
- The DCTC bookstore is closed March 20-29 and will reopen with limited hours starting the week of March 30.

## BLACKBOARD CONNECT STAR ALERT

- Blackboard Connect Star Alert is our platform for emergency messages.
  - If you see that a Blackboard email has been labeled as junk mail, please Whitelist
    - In Outlook select the email. **Home** tab > **Junk** > **Never Block Sender's Domain**

## FOR THOSE WITH SYMPTOMS OR POSSIBLE EXPOSURE

- **Call ahead to your healthcare provider, OR**
- Call the **Minnesota Department of Health Hotline at 651-201-5414**

## COMMUNITY AND TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

- Additional information on community and technology resources is available on our [Coronavirus landing page](#) on our DCTC website.

We are grateful to have you as a student and know that this spring semester is shaping up to be a challenging one due to circumstances beyond all of our controls. Please let us know how we can help.

Best wishes,  
Anne Johnson

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