Dear students,

We hope your semester is off to a good start! We continue to prioritize the health and safety of everyone on our campus. We encourage you to continue to wear a face covering, keep physical distance, wash your hands, and to get vaccinated when you are eligible to do so. We want you all to have a successful semester! Please see some important information below:

1. **Continue to get tested regularly!** Testing helps us keep our campus safe. [Check out information on the kinds of testing available and when and where testing events are held.](#) Students who test for COVID-19 will receive a voucher for a local business and new face coverings.

2. **Get vaccinated!** Concerned about being vaccinated against COVID-19? [Student Health Services](#) is available by phone or email to answer your questions and provide you with the information you need.

3. There’s still time to apply to **live on campus next Fall.** Students will be able to live with a roommate again next fall and should [apply by February 5](#) for the best selection of available rooms. Did you know on average it’s $160 less per month to live on campus than off-campus? Check out your on campus living options and save money."

4. **UND Dining centers will allow students to sit with up to 3 others/groups of 4 beginning February 8th.** While all other dining center COVID-19 safety protocols will remain in place, we hope this change will allow students greater opportunities to connect.

5. **Spring break** is coming (March 15 – 19) and we want to make sure students are aware of potential travel difficulties associated with any international travel (e.g., Cancun). Currently, in order to travel to the United States via air travel, you will need to provide proof of a negative COVID test no more than 3 days prior to your flight. Those who do not have proof of a test or who test positive, will be denied boarding. We want students to be able to return from spring break and continue with their classes so we strongly discourage students from traveling internationally this spring semester. If you do choose to travel, we encourage you to continue testing once you return.

6. During Spring and Fall of 2020 we altered [the policy](#) for electing **Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U) grading.** The policy WILL NOT be altered this semester due to the negative consequences S/U grading can have on students such as satisfactory academic progress which can affect the ability for students to use financial aid. However, S/U grading is still available. S/U grading CAN be elected by most undergraduate students. If you have completed at least 24 credit hours, you may choose to change courses that are NOT in your major department to S/U grading beginning now through April 9th (this is the deadline for making this choice). You can make this choice using the "Registration Actions" form [here](#). Please be sure to visit with your advisor before you complete this form. Choosing S/U grading may have consequences on your academic record. We want you to be fully informed before making this choice.

7. **UND expects to receive additional COVID-19 relief funding** sometime during the spring semester. We are working now to determine the basis on which funding will be directly distributed to students. We will communicate to students when funding is available and how it can be accessed by students who qualify.

8. Students are able to complete **summer internships** in person. Please follow your department and college guidelines and plan to follow UND COVID-19 protocols while at internship sites, including wearing face coverings, washing hands, and avoiding large groups.
9. If you are struggling in any of your courses please reach out to your instructor, academic advisor, or learning services. We have many resources available to help if you are experiencing difficulties in your courses for any reason.

10. The University Counseling Center is excited to announce that online scheduling for telemental health is NOW available! This will be available for currently enrolled students who are not actively engaged in counseling at UCC already. Students will need to be in North Dakota or Minnesota at the time of the appointment.

11. Please take advantage of the opportunities we have available for students to get involved and have some fun this semester. In partnership with Student Government, the Student Involvement & Parent Programs Office offers UND Student Events – a wide variety of free programs for students. Find this semester’s schedule here: https://und.edu/student-life/student-involvement/events/index.html

12. We also encourage you to sign up to receive text messages from UND if you aren’t already. Text UNDSTUDENT to 81411 to get signed up. These messages will share important reminders about dates and deadlines but also about all of the fun opportunities to get involved on campus!

13. Our plan is to transition from our current spring 2021 operating status, which includes reduced class capacities with hybrid and online course delivery and overall limited campus density, to more opportunities for individual and in-person activities in summer 2021 (e.g., in person summer internships). Summer 2021 classes will be delivered hybrid (with COVID-19 reduced seating capacities) and online. As we expect vaccinations to be available to all campus members well before the start of fall of 2021, our plan is to return to more typical operations including in-person classes with typical class sizes, in-person internships, in-person events and other in-person learning experiences. The transition plan to move from our current status to a more normal fall term will be possible with increased vaccinations, the mitigated spread of COVID-19 and is based on the advice of public health experts.

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