

March 29, 2020

All In-person Face-to-Face Classes are Suspended at Minnesota West at this time. Online classes will resume as planned. Please check your email later on Monday, March 30 for additional details. Your classes that have moved to an online or tele-delivery mode will continue on Monday, March 30. Only the courses that were scheduled on campus beginning Monday are suspended. Also, students, going to clinicals sites are also suspended until further guidance is communicated.

At 9:00 p.m. this evening Chancellor Malhotra convened the Leadership Council to share a directive from the State of Minnesota's Executive Branch that holding in-person instruction, even as we had planned with social distancing and CDC cleaning standards, should be delayed for two weeks

About 95% of instruction and student services at Minnesota West had moved online, thanks to a lot of creativity and hard work by faculty and staff. Online classes and services will continue as planned. However, given tonight's change in guidance, face-to-face classes are suspended at Minnesota West.

We are awaiting further guidance on our other services and the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education are planning to provide such later tomorrow.

From our Chancellor, "I sincerely apologize for the late timing of this message and the inconvenience it causes, and I thank everyone for your patience as we navigate through this ever-changing situation" Chancellor Malhotra March 29, 2020 9:11 pm

I too am deeply grateful for all the efforts that went into welcoming our students back on Monday in our in-person face-to-face classes. I'll provide additional guidance as received but do look forward to welcoming you, our Bluejays back to our online courses tomorrow!

Your President,

Dr. Terry Gaalswyk