

November 9, 2020 Update

Hello Healers,

As we know, we are seeing increasing Covid positive cases across Nebraska. Stay focused. Continue to be vigilant in monitoring symptoms, mask wearing, and physical distancing! Contact Student Health if you exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19.

New/Ongoing:

From Dr. Anderson, provost:

1. There are some rumors swirling around about the possibility of us switching to college-wide remote learning and I wanted let you know how the COVID Pivot team is operating in terms of making those kinds of decisions. Please note, at this time, we are NOT switching to college-wide remote-learning.

Before classes began, we developed a rubric to guide our decision making process. Our threshold for switching to college-wide remote learning is when at least 5% of all students/staff test positive for COVID in a single week. So far we have come nowhere near this number, in fact, our cumulative case number since the start of school is just now hitting 5% of total students. Unfortunately, what we did see this week was 2 small clusters of cases among students in the same cohorts which reached or exceeded the 5% level. Rather than switching to remote learning for the entire college, the decision was made to switch just those cohorts to remote learning for up to 2 weeks. We do maintain that healthy students in these cohorts could come to campus as individuals, if masked and without symptoms, to work as student assistants or attend other appointments.

The faculty and students affected by these remote decisions were communicated with directly from myself and I continue to remain in contact as we monitor additional cases (or not) that are popping up in those groups. If you have questions, please ask. I am more than happy to start a conversation.

2. Spring semester notice: Should a student want to request a new or continuing non-medically related remote learning accommodation, they should fill out the Application for Remote Learning and submit that to the Provost by Wednesday December 23rd for review by the Academic Affairs team. Non-medical accommodations will be granted for lecture classes only, this excludes labs, clinicals and simulation. That form is available on the COVID-19 page of the BCHS website as well as at the following link: [Non-Medical Request for Remote Learning](#).

Covid Response Team report: Running totals, covering Monday-Sunday.

Date	Confirmed positive tests	<u>Total</u> positives since 8/24/2020
8/30/2020	2	2
9/7/2020	4	6
9/14/2020	1	7
9/21/2020	1	8
9/28/2020	3	11
10/5/2020	4	15

10/12/2020	4	19
10/19/2020	1	20
10/26/2020	4	24
11/2/2020	5	29
11/9/2020	8	37

Be Safe. Be Well. Be Healers and Helpers.

Rich Lloyd, President