



## **MICC College Program COVID-19 General FAQ's**

### **Where is Minnesota at in regards to COVID-19?**

Minnesota has a great website that provides up-to-date information on its reopening status: <https://staysafe.mn.gov/>. As of July 21<sup>st</sup>, Minnesota was in Phase 3, meaning the following applies:

- Masks required for indoor businesses and indoor public spaces
- Masks strongly recommended for crowded outdoor spaces
- Keep social gatherings to 10 or less indoors, 25 or less outdoors
- Restaurants and bars are open at 50% capacity
- Hair salons are open at 50% capacity
- Places of worship can open at 50% capacity, but many are still online
- People coming into MN from other states are NOT currently required to quarantine

### **Why are you not requiring every student to take a COVID test before arriving on campus?**

In Minnesota, proactive testing of asymptomatic (not showing symptoms) people is not currently recommended. The supply chain has become tighter. We instead recommend, if possible, to quarantine for 2 weeks prior to coming to campus, limit community exposure, and monitor daily for any symptoms.

### **Does MICC have a contact tracing protocol?**

Contact tracing is important to track those who have been potentially exposed to COVID-19. After a positive COVID-19 test by a participant or employee, we will contact the Minnesota Department of Health, who will guide us through the contact tracing process, including evaluating the level of risk of exposure to other employees and participants.

### **If Woodlake Church, where the Careers Center is housed, closes, can MICC function without access to those classroom spaces?**

Yes. We are prepared and working on alternative spaces if that should occur. We are in communication with Woodlake Church on a regular basis.

### **I have a beard. Would that be an issue in terms of hygiene or mask wearing?**

Participants with beards are still able and expected to wear masks. It may require trying several kinds of masks to find one that does not itch and that provides adequate coverage (fully covers mouth and nose). From a Careers standpoint, different practicum sites and employers have certain hygiene requirements that may impact participants with beards. In those cases, MICC staff would work closely with the participant to develop a hygiene plan.

### **Do we have to wear masks whenever we leave our apartments and to classes?**

Yes, please wear a mask when outside of your apartment if you are going to an indoor social space or a crowded outdoor space. In your apartment, your roommates are your “family unit”, so you only need to wear a mask in your apartment if classmates or staff are present, or if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. All guests to your apartment should wear a mask. If you are able to maintain social distance while outside, a mask is not necessary (ex: outdoor exercise or walking on the sidewalk with space between participants).

### **Will you provide Internet for virtual in-apartment meetings?**

Each campus apartment will have a Hotspot to provide Internet. Participants will receive guidelines on how to appropriately access their Hotspot Internet for classes, meetings, 1:1 supports, medication supports, virtual socials, etc.

### **What would a virtual meeting/class look like?**

Most virtual meetings and classes for participants who are quarantining will occur using Google Meet. Instructors will have a laptop set up in class for the quarantined participant to still join discussion and activities. Some classes that are off campus may not be able to occur live through Google Meet. In those cases, participants may receive virtual tours to attend, independent projects to complete in Google Classroom, or a make-up experience once quarantine is complete. Some meetings may occur virtually even if a student is NOT in quarantine. For example, some advisors and job developers may meet virtually via Google Meet; some family meetings may take place via Google Meet as well to limit in-person contact.

### **What if a participant struggles with Google or doesn't have a working camera?**

MICC staff are here to problem solve. Freshman will receive additional training on the Google Suite in class (Google Calendar, Google Meet, Google Classroom). As needed, participants will be provided 1:1 support to find technology accommodations or to build their Google skillset. If a participant's camera stops working, MICC staff will work with the participant and their family to find a replacement.

### **What will the orientation weekend look like?**

There will be staggered move in times with morning or afternoon windows. Incoming freshmen will move in on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and juniors/seniors on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Participants will not stay overnight on campus until Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be limited in-person sessions following social distancing guidelines and reduced group sizes. There is virtual content on the [incoming](#) and [returning](#) students' orientation hubs. More information to come before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Do you have a particular exercise plan for participants since the YMCA gym won't be an option?**

MICC Instructors will continue to follow our healthy living curriculum guidelines, targeting all the different aspects of physical well-being. Participants will still exercise at the level required for their grade, but in alternative locations, such as at Donaldson Park, in a large classroom space, or at other outdoor recreational settings.