Returning to Campus Questions

When will campus be open again for students, faculty, and staff?

Both campuses – Eveleth and Virginia – will be open for students, faculty, and staff beginning July 6. Visitors are required to bring and wear a mask and to wash or sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving campus.

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Hours are subject to change.

When will campus be open again for the public?

To ensure the safety and health of our students and community as much as possible, MRC will not be open to the public until further notice.

Will my fall courses be on campus?

Course delivery (on-campus, online, hybrid, Zoom, etc.) will vary depending on the course and program. Student are encouraged to see MRC Course Schedule on MRC website for specific course delivery method.

Can I register for fall now?

Yes! Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNState) system office has suspended all placement testing at this time. Course placement (typically determined by a placement test) will be determined by the student’s cumulative high school GPA and any previous college course work.

See the Register for Courses page for further information for new and returning student registration.

Should I come to campus to register?

MRC will have on-campus in-person registration sessions. See Placement Test/Registration page for further information and to schedule an on-campus registration session.
Students also have the option to register with an academic advisor over the phone or via Zoom. Contact Carrie Hejda to make those arrangements. (218) 749-0313 or carrie.hejda@mesabirange.edu

**When classes start back on campus, will labs be open?**

Yes, however, class size will be limited to comply with social distancing recommendations. Students, faculty and staff will be required to wear masks. See [MRC Preparedness Plan](#) for more information.

**Will I have to wear a mask when I come to campus?**

Yes. A multi-ply tightly woven cotton cloth or multi-ply disposable face covering is recommended. When worn, the covering must extend from the bridge of the nose to below the chin. Reusable cloth face coverings are acceptable, as are disposable paper masks. Reusable cloth covering should be washed regularly to keep them sanitary.

Cloth face coverings should:
- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- Be secured with ties or ear loops
- Include multiple layers of fabric
- Allow for breathing without restriction
- Be able to be laundered and machine-dried without damage or change to shape

**Face Mask/Covering Protocols**
- Face masks/coverings **must be worn at all times on campus in public settings** *(e.g., common workspaces, public spaces, hallways, stairwells, elevators, meeting rooms, classrooms, labs, break rooms, restrooms, etc.)*. Face coverings are also required in outdoor settings on campus if social distancing cannot be observed.
- Face masks/coverings are **NOT required in the following situations:**
  - When eating or drinking (social distancing must still be observed)
  - When alone in an office, study area, or other space or where permitted by an official notice posted in a space
  - When in one’s assigned apartment or residence hall room
  - When alone in a vehicle
  - When unable to wear a face covering while exercising in a campus recreation facility as long as all other facility policies, rules, and guidelines are followed
  - When an accommodation is necessary as indicated by a medical or similar subject matter expert and granted by express written permission of the college.
- Faculty who are delivering on-campus instruction may remove their face mask to teach, provided they are located within a delineated teaching area that is no less than 10 feet from students.
  - Employees and students should provide their own masks.
• An employee who cannot wear a face mask/covering due to medical or other reasons should contact Human Resources for possible accommodation measures. Students should contact Disability Services for possible accommodation measures.

What is the college doing to make students, faculty, and staff safe?

See Mesabi Range College Preparedness Plan for details on what the college is doing to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections for students, faculty, and staff.

Will there be wipes and hand sanitizer available?

Yes. See Mesabi Range College Preparedness Plan for details on what the college is doing to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections for students, faculty, and staff.

Will there be on-campus tutoring available?

On-campus tutoring will be available with safety protocols in place and informed by recommendations provided by the Office of Higher Education and the Minnesota Department of Health.

Online tutoring will also be available. See Tutoring for hours and location information.

How will I know if I should stay home?

Before come to campus, you should self-screen for the following symptoms:

1. Do I have a new or worsening cough?
2. Do I have new or worsening shortness of breath?
3. Do I have two or more of the following symptoms?
   • Temperature/Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above
   • Chills
   • Headache
   • Sore throat
   • Muscle pain,
   • Loss of taste or smell
4. Have I been exposed to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days?

If ALL four of the ABOVE are NO, you should come to campus but be conscientious about sanitizing your hands and work space, covering your coughs/sneezes, and wearing your mask in hallways and when social distancing is not possible.
If ANY of the ABOVE are YES, YOU SHOULD STAY HOME until

- You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications) **AND**
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when the cough or shortness of breath has improved) **AND**
- At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared **AND**
- It has been 14 days since you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

If you become sick during the day, you should go home.

**Will there be fall sports?**

On Monday, July 6, the two-year presidents of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference (MCAC) announced that all fall sports (with the exception of golf and clay-target) as well as organized physical activities for college sports that span both fall and spring semesters have been cancelled.

**Will there be on-campus student activities?**

At this time, that answer is yes, with safety protocols in place.