

Hello Moraine Park Family,

Today marks nearly two months since we closed the doors to our campuses. Thank you all for your continued positivity and willingness to adapt and grow as we navigate these unknown territories. I ask that you continue to offer grace as we begin the process of transitioning back to being fully operational. Please know the recent decision to strike down the Safer at Home order will not affect Moraine Park's plan as it pertains to reopening.

The COVID-19 Response Team continues to move forward, following CDC guidelines, with a thoughtful and phased reopening plan that is safest for our students and employees. This plan will be shared college-wide by May 20. Pending any new federal, state or local restrictions, the College is expecting to resume on-campus operations under new college guidelines by Aug. 17 and fall 2020 classes are scheduled to begin on Aug. 24.

Recent updates, reminders and decisions include:

- Our facilities are not open. Recently, the College worked to identify essential employees needed to complete face-to-face instruction on our campuses. Only essential employees and students who need to be on-site to finish the semester will be allowed on our campuses. A casual dress code has been implemented for those essential employees coming to campus for this brief time.
- For those who are on campus the next several weeks, the College is not requiring the use of face masks but does strongly encourage it, especially in class settings where maintaining social distance is difficult. If there is an outbreak on campus, everyone who had contact with the individual diagnosed with coronavirus will be required to quarantine for 10 days, which could impact the completion of classes this semester. Please keep this in mind as we bring students to campus and into the classroom.
- Currently, any College business not directly tied to the completion of the spring semester is considered non-essential and should continue to be done from the safety of home. Once the spring semester has been completed, essential employees who work during the summer months will resume their daily work from home and follow the instruction of the College-wide reopening plan, and their supervisor, for a safe return to campus date.
- We understand some employees may have individual health concerns or childcare needs that will extend into the fall 2020 semester. Should you have questions after you review the plan, please reach out to your supervisor.
- As an update to the College travel guidance, all College-related out-of-state travel is prohibited through Dec. 31, 2020, and in-state travel is prohibited through Aug. 31, 2020. District-wide essential travel is permitted. For employees electing to travel personally during this time, the College will be following CDC guidelines, which may require a self-quarantine period upon return.

I encourage you to stay connected to the College and each other. The Max Pack group is working to help Moraine Park stay socially connected. There are also many efforts to unify both the College and communities on the College's Facebook page [@moraineparktech](#). There will be some special commencement messages on Facebook in the coming weeks. Also, the Wisconsin Technical College System created a United video that is on social networks throughout our state. Please take a moment to [view it here](#). You will recognize a few familiar faces from our Moraine Park family.

Again, thank you for all you have done and continue to do to serve our students and our College during this most challenging time. Together we will all get through this.

Stay well,

Bonnie