

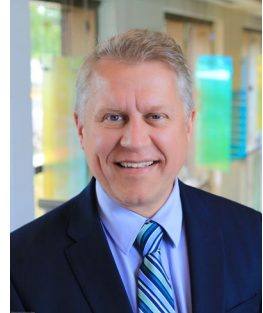
FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGES

NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends of Dakota County Technical College & Inver Hills Community College,

This summer our two colleges worked through many unknowns to shape the 2020 fall semester. The semester started Aug. 24, and we will welcome students back with an abundance of excitement and caution given COVID health and safety concerns.

We've taken time to listen to concerns and developed detailed Back-to-Campus Preparedness Plans for each college. Those plans were prepared with on-going guidance from MDH and the Governor's Office. The [DCTC](#) and [Inver Hills](#) plans will continue to be updated as new recommendations and information becomes available.



Here's what students, employees and visitors can expect for fall:

- Non-essential employees will continue to work remotely until federal and state guidance changes.
- When classes start on Aug. 24, DCTC and Inver Hills will offer a mix of on-campus and online courses reflecting how each institution can best support its students and their success.
- DCTC and Inver Hills will offer classes in four different modalities including:
 1. In-person with safety measures
 2. Hands-on with safety measures
 3. Synchronous (live online)
 4. Asynchronous (online on the student's schedule)
- The DCTC and Inver Hills campuses will be open with limited hours and access; most support services are online and in-person on a limited basis.
- Masks are required on campus.
- All employees, students and visitors must fill out an online COVID 19 self-assessment screening prior to coming to campus.
 - [DCTC COVID 19 Self-Assessment](#)
 - [Inver Hills COVID 19 Self-Assessment](#)

As we focus on safety this fall, we continue to plan for the future. Our new strategic planning process launches this fall—strengthening our commitment to student success and educational equity. Please look for more information about our strategic plan in the near future.

Thank you for your continued community support in fulfilling our campus missions!

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PARTNERS SPOTLIGHT

[Inver Hills](#) and [DCTC](#) partner with workforce centers to help adults rethink their career path in a post-COVID economy. We offer great support for adult learners including:

- Full- and part-time scheduling
- Customized advising developed for the unique needs of adult learners
- In-person, online, hybrid, accelerated and evening courses
- In-person and online tutoring
- Scholarships and other financial support
- Options to apply previous experience, training and knowledge towards a degree.

IN THE NEWS

- [Inver starts Growth and Purpose \(GAP Year Program\)](#)
- [MN Reconnect: Program supports adults re-enrolling in college](#)
- [Blue Knights fall athletics postponed until spring](#)
- [Inver Hills and DCTC freeze fall tuition](#)

Stay up to date with our campus communities at [DCTC News](#) and [Inver Hills News](#)

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

- Fall classes start Aug. 24th. It's not too late to sign-up for classes!
- [Explore Inver Hills virtually](#)
- [Join DCTC for our virtual Tuesday Info Sessions!](#)

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