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Dear United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Community:

UTTC continues to closely monitor the rapidly evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic data at the global, national, state, and local levels. Exponential growth for Coronavirus cases continues on the U.S. coasts as well as here in North Dakota (ND). According to the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDOH) on April 3, 2020, 48 of the 173 reported cases (28%) are in Burleigh and Morton Counties.

National and State health agencies are recommending social distancing strategies from 30 to 90 days as a minimum. NDDOH reported the first case for ND on March 11, 2020 and when we apply the maximum recommended number of days of 90, then we should continue our social distancing strategies until June 11, 2020.

UTTC actions as of today based on available information:

1. All UTTC personnel will continue to work remotely from home. The exception are essential personnel (Security, Cafeteria, and others as needed).
2. UTTC will continue granting 6-2 Administrative Leave for those individuals who fall within the higher risk category as defined by CDC if they choose to participate. In some cases, individuals who fall within the higher risk category will be telecommuters.
3. UTTC and Theodore Jamerson Elementary School classes will continue online through the end of the semester.
4. Residence Halls were officially closed on March 31, 2020 at 5 pm and will remain closed to the end of the semester.
5. The summer 2020 semester will start on schedule with classes beginning May 19, 2020. All summer 2020 classes will be offered online with summer course registration opening April 6. Textbooks will be mailed or provided online.
6. Classes are expected to return to campus-based (with some online) for the fall 2020 semester. Students can contact their academic advisors to register. Registration for fall 2020 also opens April 6. Contact your academic advisors for more information.

UTTC's social distancing practices will continue until Friday, May 15, 2020, which is the official end of the 2020 Spring Semester. The Coronavirus data will be reviewed on May 13, 2020 to determine if this process will need to be extended or discontinued at that time.

Students and employees should check their UTTC email daily for updates. Social media is also being used to relay important information to the students, employees, and public. The main switchboard will operate from 8 am to 5 pm at 701-255-3285. Blessings on all of our students, employees, communities, and Nations!

Stay home. Stop the Spread. Save Lives!

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President