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Dear United Tribes Technical College Community:

The Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop at the global, national, state, and local levels, as reported by World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control, and North Dakota Department of Health. United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) implemented social distance strategies on March 13, 2020 to decrease the spread of the Coronavirus COVID-19 among students and faculty employees by going to online instruction from March 23, 2020 to April 3, 2020. UTTC further initiated social distancing strategies for non-faculty, non-essential personnel through flexible shift and telecommute plans on March 17, 2020.

The news media reported this morning: 1) Governor Burgum in coordination with Superintendent Baesler, Department of Public Instruction, called off another week of school for the State of North Dakota; and 2) the North Dakota Department of Health reported a doubling of Coronavirus cases from 7 yesterday to 15 today with 9 of these being in Burleigh County.

This information indicated the need for further social distancing actions for the safety of our campus community to include:

1. All employees except for Essential Personnel (RAs and Security) are directed to telecommute when possible by utilizing VPN and the forwarding of calls to their home or personal phones as of 5 pm today.
2. IT, Student Health, and Facilities personnel will be on an on-call basis for campus needs.
3. All departments will cease the flexible shift plans, but continue to provide services through telecommuting when possible.
4. All employees are directed to contact their supervisors and all students are directed to contact their instructors for more information.

All of the actions implemented in past UTTC Coronavirus Response letters on March 13th, March 17th, and today, will be reassessed on April 1, 2020 to determine if these actions will cease or be maintained after April 6, 2020.

The purpose of these actions are to assist you in staying home and taking care of yourselves and your families to decrease the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19. We will be utilizing email and social media to provide updates on an ongoing basis.

Blessings,

Leander R. McDonald, PhD
President