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Hau' (hello) United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Campus Community!

UTTC is proud to report that 87% of our employees and 59% of summer semester students are fully vaccinated! The Delta variant of COVID-19 has become the predominant variant for positive cases. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) described Delta as more transmissible than influenza and as contagious as chickenpox. Viral spread of COVID-19 is predominantly among the unvaccinated. Since vaccine is not an option for children under age 12 at this time, universal masking is the most readily available method to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools.

UTTC supports the guidance released by the CDC and the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH). This guidance focuses on keeping students healthy and safe as they return to in-person learning.

- **Vaccination:** Promote vaccination for those that are eligible. Vaccines are available free-of-charge at the *UTTC Student Health (701-221-1331)*.
- **Masking:** Universal indoor masking for all students (ages 2 and older), staff, teachers, visitors, and contractors to the UTTC campus, regardless of vaccination status, unless you are in a room alone.
- **Physical distancing:** Maintaining 3-6 feet of physical distance between individuals to the best of ability, especially when removing face coverings to eat or drink.
- **Screening/testing:** Promptly identify cases, clusters, and outbreaks.
  - Persons are to check their temperatures at temperature kiosks when entering high traffic buildings. Contact Student Health if your temperature is over 100.4 degrees and do not enter the UTTC facility.
  - All unvaccinated individuals will be required to complete rapid antigen testing weekly.
- **Cleaning and disinfection:** Regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces is recommended.
- **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:** All individuals should continue regular handwashing or use hand sanitizer regularly. Hand sanitizer and antibacterial hand soap are available by request at Student Health.
- **Stay home when sick and get tested for COVID-19.**

Per direction from the NDDoH, the following post-exposure guidelines are recommended:

- **Mask to mask exposure (both parties masked):** Exempt from quarantine.
- **Fully vaccinated contacts:** If no symptoms, no quarantine. Monitor for symptoms and test 3-5 days after exposure.
- **Unmasked contacts:** 14-day quarantine. Contacts may release from quarantine after day 10 if no symptoms, after day 7 with negative test collected on day 5 or later.

Wopida icyapido! (thanks to all) for respecting our UTTC family and relatives with healthy choices in respect to one another. Please contact *UTTC Student Health (701-221-1331)* to schedule your free vaccination.

Hecetu' (so be it).

Leander McDonald, PhD  
President

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*"Leadership begins here"*