



UNITED TRIBES  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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

Administration continues to plan and implement strategies based on available data and best practices to enhance the safety of all students and employees. I hope the following updates for the Spring, Summer, and Fall, Semesters finds you all in good health, mind, and spirit!

- Social distancing protocols and mask wearing will be required for all on campus events and activities until otherwise notified.
- UTTC courses will remain virtual synchronous (Zoom) for the remaining 2021 Spring and Summer semesters.
- Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES) will return to face to face learning on April 19, 2021.
- UTTC will have an in-person graduation on May 14, 2021.
- Telework will end for all full-time 12-month regular employees on May 14, 2021. Regular work schedules will resume May 17, 2021.
- On campus events are limited to UTTC programmatic activities until May 14, 2021. Community partners' requests for campus events will be considered after May 17, 2021.
- Summer flex time is scheduled for June 7, 2021 – August 13, 2021.
- CTE programs (Automotive Technology, Computer Information Technology, Culinary Arts & Nutrition, Graphic Design, Heavy Equipment Operations, Sustainable Ag, and Welding Technology) will be in-person.
- All other Academic programs, except for art courses and science labs, will have the choice of attending in-person or through the Zoom platform beginning Fall 2021 semester.
- Employee and student travel on behalf of UTTC will be limited to those who have been immunized and requires strict adherence to recommended social distancing strategies.
- Legends Softball, Golf Tournament, Thunderbird Run, and Youth Basketball Tournament, will be held. Tribal Leadership Summit is cancelled for 2021. No decision will be made on the UTTC International Powwow until May 7, 2021.
- UTTC Student Health will continue to provide COVID-19 testing for students and employees.
- COVID-19 immunizations are available through UTTC Student Health and Burleigh County Health Department for ages 16 and older.

Changes may occur as COVID-19 rates increase or decrease. More details will be shared using UTTC email and social media as we move forward. Please continue to practice social distancing strategies by masking up, sanitizing, and staying more than six feet away from those outside of your households. We want to encourage all students and employees to take advantage of the free immunizations available at Student Health. The more people vaccinated, the safer our campus community!

Prayers and blessings! Wopida iciciyapido! (thanks to everyone) Hecetu! (so be it).

Leander R. McDonald, PhD  
President

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*“Leadership begins here”*