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TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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

Congratulations to all the 2020 and 2021 graduates! The declining Coronavirus (COVID-19) rates and rising vaccination rates are positive news for a return to face-to-face interactions. UTTC remains cautious as we move forward with the overall goal of campus safety. The following bullets provide information on how UTTC will operate throughout the Summer Semester 2021 and the upcoming 2021-2022 Academic Year.

- Employees/students will continue to be mandated to wear masks when closer than six feet; regular hand washing/hand sanitizer continues to be recommended; regular temperature checks are encouraged; and employees/students are asked to stay home if symptomatic.
- The UTTC COVID-19 Response Manual will be updated for the Fall 2021 semester to reflect any changes to protocols and availability of resources to students/employees.
- UTTC courses will remain virtual synchronous (Zoom) for the Summer 2021 semester. 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.
- CTE programs (Automotive Technology, Computer Information Technology, Culinary Arts & Nutrition, Graphic Design, Heavy Equipment Operations, Sustainable Ag, and Welding Technology) will be in-person for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Theodore Jamerson Elementary School (TJES) will maintain face-to-face learning throughout the summer and throughout the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Any community partners' requests for campus events are being considered on a case-by-case basis and will require adherence to the COVID-19 Response Manual. Dorms remain unavailable for non-UTTC events.
- Employee and student travel on behalf of UTTC will be limited to those who have been immunized and will require strict adherence to the COVID-19 Response Manual.
- UTTC International Powwow, Legends Softball, Golf Tournament, Thunderbird Run, and Youth Basketball Tournament, will be held. Tribal Leadership Summit is cancelled for 2021.
- All UTTC full-time regular employees returned to regular in-person work schedules as of May 17, 2021.
- Summer flex time is scheduled for June 7, 2021 - August 13, 2021.
- UTTC Student Health will continue to provide COVID-19 antigen testing for students and employees.
- COVID-19 vaccinations are available through UTTC Student Health and Burleigh County Health Department for ages 12 and older.

Any changes to these protocols will be shared using UTTC email and social media as we move forward. We want to encourage all students and employees to take advantage of the free vaccinations 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”*