

Lane Azure

Hau Mitakiyapi,

I hope you are doing well and were able to enjoy some time off with your families. I think I have been able to go through about every season in the last couple days, but what else is new.

I wanted to update you on our status at SWC. Last week I asked facilities, student services, IT, and academics to prepare to shut the campus doors to everyone other than essential staff. It has gotten to the point where if you do not need to be on campus for extreme reasons, then please do not come in. South Dakota and North Dakota has done fairly well (compared to neighboring states) in terms of keeping the corona virus at bay, but this could easily change. As you have heard, there have been cases reported in Sisseton, so we are not immune. So, students are no longer allowed on campus. I hope we have done our best to make sure that those students who were using the facilities were notified and provided with essential tools to make sure they can finish the semester.

Please make sure you are checking your emails daily, hopefully several times a day. Sonny has done a great job on updating the web page as needed, so most communication is located front and center on our website. I have posted a few live streams to those who do not check email or look at the website, but are Facebook people. However, I am not always confident this is the best method either. Either way, if there is new news I am trying to provide that to you, but you probably know as much as I do. Right now, we are just trying to safely get through this thing and provide our students with the best education we can given our current state. I cannot emphasize enough that we must reach out to our students as much as possible to keep them on track so they can successfully complete the semester.

Continue to be safe, wash your hands repeatedly, wear masks and go to CDC website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>) for the best information on how to remain safe. Stay home if you can. I pray you are all safe and remain safe. Keep the signs close by and make sure you call the clinic if you have signs.

God bless,