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Dear United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) Community:

We want to congratulate all UTTC students, and our sixty-three graduates, for a job well done in completing your education requirements during this difficult time! We also want to thank faculty, student support services, and essential employees for an outstanding job of providing the support for our students' success!

The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) website on May 14, 2020 reported continued growth for the State at 1,761 positive cases, 665 active cases, 40 deaths, and 1,071 recovered. The NDDoH further reported Burleigh County, initially the hot spot, now stands at 107 active cases or 6.3% of the total State cases. New cases for Burleigh County have leveled out at less than three being reported for several days for the past week. The University of Washington Coronavirus projections for North Dakota indicated August 4, 2020 as a date for decreased risk. There have also been reports of a possible resurgence; however, no one knows in this novel pandemic situation if that will occur.

UTTC Wellness and Safety and Security Departments reported today that safety supplies were in short supply and several of our orders are on back order or had been cancelled by the vendor. These supplies are primary to returning the full workforce to campus. UTTC will maintain the recent established social distancing activities until Friday, June 26, 2020. The Coronavirus data will be reviewed on June 24, 2020 to determine if this process will need to be extended or discontinued at that time.

UTTC actions as of today based on available information:

1. All UTTC personnel will continue to work remotely from home. The exception are essential personnel as determined by all departments and their immediate supervisors.
2. UTTC will continue granting 6-2 Administrative Leave for those individuals who fall within the higher risk category as defined by Centers for Disease Control (CDC) if they choose to participate. In some cases, individuals who fall within the higher risk category may work onsite or be telecommuters.
3. UTTC and Theodore Jamerson Elementary School classes will continue online through the end of the summer semester.
4. Residence Halls (dorms) will remain closed until fall semester.
5. The Summer 2020 semester will be online and will start as scheduled on May 19, 2020. Textbooks will be mailed or provided online.
6. The Fall 2020 semester will be face to face and will start on schedule with classes beginning August 24, 2020 at 4 pm. Students may contact Admissions or their academic advisors to register.

Students and employees should check their UTTC email or UTTC social media for updates. The main switchboard will operate from 8 am to 5 pm at 701-255-3285. We continue to wish blessings and protection for all of our students, employees, communities, and Nations!

Stay home. Stop the Spread. Save Lives!

Leander R. McDonald, PhD
President

“Leadership begins here”