



Stay Safe MN – FAQ – May 15, 2020

On May 13, 2020, Governor Walz issued Executive Order 20-56 – *Stay Safe MN* which safely reopens Minnesota’s economy and ensures safe non-work activities during COVID-19.

The activities of our colleges and universities continue to be guided by previous Executive Orders with the most recent order issued on May 11th – Executive Order 20-52 which authorized students in critical sectors to return to safe higher education institutions for completion of a post-secondary credential.

Campuses should refer to the Back-to-Campus Preparedness Plan template which provides in-depth guidance and develop their institution specific Plan.

Below are questions received over the past 24 hours. We will add to these as additional questions are raised or new information becomes available.

1. Are we allowed to bring back all students who need to complete their spring semester courses?

No. Executive Order 20-56 (May 13, 2020) *does not* allow us to return to in-person instruction to individuals beyond those listed in Executive Order 20-52 (May 11, 2020).

2. What programs are eligible to resume in-person instruction?

The complete list of programs can be found on the [Office of Higher Education website](#).

Reminder that the only students who are eligible to return for in-person instruction are *those in their final term* (Executive Order 20-52, item 2).

3. Are we limited to class sizes to only 10 people or less?

No. For programs that are eligible for in-person instruction under Executive Order 20-52 (or previous orders), classes are not limited in size, but must follow the requirements in each institution’s COVID-19 Preparedness Plan related to social distancing and cleaning protocols.

4. Are all employees required to come back to work?

At this time, only employees who can not do their work remotely or are essential for delivery of instruction to complete unfinished spring semester 2020 Critical Sector in-person coursework are expected to return. Guidance from MMB is that *employees who able to telework will continue teleworking*. Campuses should complete their individual Back-to-Campus Preparedness Plans in anticipation of the eventual return of students, faculty, and staff.

5. Can we resume in-person campus activities (e.g, prospective student visits, campus tours, orientations, summer camps, etc.)

At this time, the only campus activities that may resume are classes as outlined in Executive Order 20-52. The MDH/OHE workgroups will be submitting their recommendations at the end of this week. We will continue to work proactively with MDH and OHE as they work on the development of further guidance.