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Dear Students,

I know you are anxious to hear what our plans are for classes at Rainy River Community College for the coming fall semester. We want to give you an update on the plans we are making.

There is still a lot that we don’t know about what the future will bring, but this much is certain: **Rainy River Community College will be open and ready to welcome you for the start of the fall semester**, and will adapt as necessary to safely serve our students and continue to provide an extraordinary education.

But make no mistake -- the safety, security, and health of our students, faculty, and staff continues to be our top priority. To that end, we are making plans to ensure proper social distancing within all classes and Rainy Hall. We will also continue to take action to further clean and sanitize the college facilities while working closely with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

As you know, we can all further protect ourselves and others by:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water; covering your cough and sneeze; avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practicing self-care by eating a healthy diet and taking time to rest.
- Frequently cleaning all commonly touched surfaces.
- Avoiding large gatherings.
- Wear cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Staying home if you are sick.

Throughout the coming weeks more information will be provided as we continue our work towards welcoming you for fall semester. As always, we will follow guidelines and best practices as outlined by the CDC and MDH. If you have any questions, you can reach out to your advisor or me at any time.

One final note – we understand the past few months have been challenging for each of you. We are proud of the resiliency our students, faculty, and staff have exhibited during this time. There is no doubt that as we work to welcome you for fall semester and resume our classes that same positive attitude and strong work ethic will continue to shine through at Rainy River.

We look forward to welcoming you this fall!

Take care,

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Dr. Roxanne Kelly and the Rainy River team