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## [list#sa] Update: Deadline extended for vaccination uploads

1 message

President's Office &lt;nmupres@nmu.edu&gt;

Tue, Jul 13, 2021 at 9:55 AM

Reply-To: President's Office &lt;nmupres@nmu.edu&gt;

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NMU Students, Faculty and Staff,

I have been petitioned by a number of students who have been in the vaccination process and were unable to get their second shot (for a wide variety of reasons) prior to the July 1 deadline Northern had for uploading the vaccination information and receiving the full \$100 dining credit thank you gift. The credit was originally scheduled to go to \$50 for uploads from July 2 to August 1. However, based on these requests, the Executive Council and I are **extending the full \$100 thank you credit until Aug. 13**, the date tuition and fees are due.

However, I am asking that if you complete your vaccination, **please upload your information into The Bridge app as soon as possible**. If you need more information on how to do this, go here. If you need help in actually uploading, contact the NMU Help Desk (227-2468, helpdesk@nmu.edu) and staff will walk you through the process. Getting as much information about our potential vaccination levels for the upcoming year as early as possible this summer has been incredibly important to our decision-making for fall. We thank the thousands of NMU students, faculty and staff who have shared with us the fact that they've been vaccinated. In Marquette, you can be vaccinated at a number of Marquette area pharmacies and health care providers or by the Marquette County Health Department (906-275-7847). Email SafeOnCampus@nmu.edu if you need vaccination assistance for areas outside of Marquette.

**MICHIGAN SWEEPSTAKES:** I want to bring to your attention the MI SHOT TO WIN campaign for individuals residing in Michigan who have been vaccinated or are in the process of being vaccinated. Regardless of how you feel about vaccination incentive programs – and I know some of you are strongly in favor and others strongly opposed – the bottom line is that Meijer, the Michigan Association of United Ways and the State of Michigan are giving away \$50,000 a day and awarding a \$1 million and \$2 million grand prize to some lucky individuals who are residing in the state. Why not have it be a Wildcat? You can learn more about the sweepstakes or register to enter here. The key details are that anyone who has been vaccinated between December 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021 can enter, but you must fill out the simple online form by July 31. It asks for your name, address, email and date of your first COVID-19 vaccination shot. If your name is pulled for a prize, the state will verify your vaccination date.

**HEERF GRANT DETAILS:** In my last email about the NMU Board of Trustees setting tuition and fee rates, I informed you that grants will be given to help offset the increase, some funded by federal stimulus monies (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund - HEERF) for those who qualify and others funded by Northern for those who don't qualify for HEERF funds. Students have been emailing about what they need to do to apply. You won't actually need to apply, but you will need to provide the Financial Aid office with some information via a short online form about how you'd like the grant applied. Watch your NMU email box next week for the link to that form. Grants start at \$750 and go to \$1,000 for full-time students (pro-rated for part-time students), depending on your eligibility. They are for all students except non-degree and dual-enrolled.

**EXCUSE OUR DUST:** Work being done in the Superior Dome and Berry Events Center is nearing completion and those facilities remain on schedule to reopen Sunday, July 18. Additionally, the Quad I West Lobby is currently being renovated for the Housing and Residence Life Office. This project is on schedule and the department will relocate from Hedgcock to their new office in early October. We are also going to be starting work on the Cohodas Hall lobby renovation project in a few weeks (early August), a project scheduled to go into October. Watch your email for information from Engineering and Planning on any rerouting of traffic through the lobby over the coming weeks and months.

Several of us reviewed the feedback from the "Lessons Learned" surveys that Northern provided students and employees at the end of the winter semester as a way for individuals to express what things done during the pandemic they hoped we'd keep this year. When I write next, I'll provide a rundown of the things we will do that were on that request list. Only 41 days until the first day of fall classes. I hope you are enjoying your summer.

Stay safe,  
Fritz Erickson, NMU President



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## Fall Grant Awards - Action Needed

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NMUPres@nmu.edu <NMUPres@nmu.edu>  
To:

Thu, Jul 22, 2021 at 8:30 AM

NMU Students,

If you followed the tuition and fee rate announcement, you will recall that the NMU Board of Trustees simultaneously approved a grant program for the fall semester when setting this year's rates. The Financial Aid Office and Student Service Center have now finalized the very simple process for student grant acceptance.

***You will need to click on this [link](#), read the brief information and then choose one of two options to let Northern know how you want your grant to be processed. This will take you about two minutes.***

These grants are in recognition of the financial challenges that students and their families continue to face due to the pandemic and are funded through federal stimulus dollars. There are a few, but not many, requirements to receive the grants. They are outlined in the information provided on the web page.

The grant amounts are as follows:

- Undergraduate students enrolled in six or more credits who are Pell Grant eligible for Fall 2021 can receive \$1,000. Pell eligible undergraduates taking five or fewer credits can receive \$250.
- Undergraduates enrolled in six or more credits who are not Pell Grant eligible for Fall 2021 can receive \$750. Undergraduates taking five or fewer credits can receive \$250.
- Graduate students with four or more credit hours are eligible for \$750 while those enrolled in three or fewer hours can receive \$250.

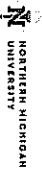
Your two options for distribution of the grant are to either to have the funds applied directly to your Fall 2021 balance or to have the funds sent to you for use toward other pandemic-related items. To indicate your preference, you'll need to click a button on the web page and then click submit.

The start of the fall semester is only a month away. I look forward to having everyone back on campus. Until then, please take care of this quick step in the grant funding process so we can get your award headed your way.

Stay safe,  
Fritz Erickson, NMU President

8/22/2021

Northern Michigan University Mail - Fwd: Pandemic Protocols for Fall Semester



**Fwd: Pandemic Protocols for Fall Semester**

Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 4:45 PM

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Forwarded message  
From: **NMU President** <NMUPres@nmu.edu>  
Date: Fri, Jul 30, 2021 at 4:40 PM  
Subject: Pandemic Protocols for Fall Semester  
To:



July 30, 2021

NMU Parents,

Summer is flying by quickly. In only a few more weeks, your NMU Wildcats will be embarking on the all semester, which begins Monday, Aug. 23. Yesterday, I sent an email to campus outlining some of the broader protocols for fall, including that Northern does not have a COVID-19 vaccination mandate, nor will we be doing mandatory mass COVID-19 testing events. We do, however, still have a requirement for unvaccinated individuals to wear masks when inside NMU facilities. It's a bit of a long email, but I hope you will review it completely so that you know what is expected of your student when they return to campus. There will be more updates on some other protocols to come shortly.

Additionally, I want to provide you with a link to an email that was sent recently to students regarding the federal stimulus grant that NMU is providing them, but which requires them to complete a simple two-button online form to start the funding process. For full-time students, these grants range from \$750 to \$1,000



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(provided for part-time students). Nearly all NMU students qualify for some level of this grant. If your student has not completed this very brief online form, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

Next Wednesday or Thursday, I will be sending to students (and then to you) an email that provides in-depth information on this year's move-in and start-of-semester activities. We are still finalizing a few details, but should have those in place by mid-week. We are asking that all students, on-campus or off-campus, register for a time to attend this year's "Passport to Campus" event, as they did last year. This time will indicate when they will arrive at the Northern Center to pick up their residence hall/apartment keys, Wildcat ID cards, parking passes, pre-ordered books and other items. By having students sign up for a time and tell us what they will need to pick up at the Northern Center, it will help spread out the crowds over that Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (August 19-22) so that there will be no lines or unsafe crowding of people. Again, more specific details to come on that.

Finally, I have provided below links to some articles that have been on the **NMU TODAY** news blog since the last time I sent you a communication. I hope you are enjoying your summer. I have certainly been enjoying our beautiful U.P. summer days.

Stay safe,  
Fritz Erickson, NMU President

NMU TODAY news blog stories:

- [NMU Vaccination Rates, Fall Protocols Detailed](#)
- [NMU Offers New HR Management Degree](#)
- [NMU Theatre & Dance Announces New Season](#)
- [At NMU, Paid Free to Dance Her Own Dance](#)
- [NMU Grad Accepted to Med School](#)
- [Concession Research Expands with Clinic](#)
- [Enzaquire Earns NAEP Award](#)
- [Messina Receives MAPP Award](#)
- [Alumnus Wrestler Coaching Two Olympians](#)
- [Alumnus Swims for Costa Rica at Olympics](#)
- [Alumni Award Recipients Announced](#)
- [Alumna and Mom Bike 411 Miles to Marquette](#)
- [UP LINK Memberships Available to Digitize Historical Records](#)

Resources:

- [The North Wind](#), NMU's student newspaper
- [Safe On Campus](#) website
- [Visitor Guidelines](#)

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PARENT-~~IN~~-PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

This email was sent to the students, faculty and staff of Northern Michigan University on Thursday, July 29, 2021.



MMU Students, Faculty and Staff: I want to share with you two things: 1) our reported vaccination rates as of right now, and 2) our updated Northern Michigan University protocol for the upcoming academic year. I know this information will help answer questions for many of you about what to expect this fall when you return to campus.

Keep in mind, changes may occur as the public health situation changes. For instance, on Tuesday (July 27), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revised its recommendation regarding vaccinated individuals wearing masks when indoors for areas that have high rates of active COVID-19 cases. Northern's current mask protocol is to require only unvaccinated individuals to wear masks when indoors. Since Marquette and most of the Upper Peninsula are not at the level the CDC considers high risk, we're not going to change our policy for now and will continue to monitor the situation. That said, although we are not requiring masks indoors for those who are vaccinated, we encourage and support anyone who chooses to wear a mask.

I realize this email is lengthy, but I ask all students, faculty and staff to read the entire document. There are points throughout that relate to different individuals and you need to know what is expected of you. There are additional protocols not mentioned here that are still under review (i.e. study abroad, university-sponsored travel and others) that I will address next week so that this email isn't even longer. Thanks for your patience on these matters.

**VACCINATION RATES:** We wanted to wait until around this time so that students completing orientation had the opportunity to get their vaccination documentation uploaded, as many in that group are only now finalizing the vaccination process. We assume all of the numbers below are somewhat conservative because these are based only on uploads to the Edge2.022, even though we know there are individuals who are vaccinated but have not uploaded their documentation. Thus, these numbers won't go down; they will only go higher as we get closer to the start of the semester. State and national goals for vaccination have been to reach 70% of a population.

- Here are our current rates:
- Overall on-campus population (students, faculty, staff): 63%
- Overall on-campus student population: 63%
- Residence hall students only: 53% (keep in mind this group includes many of the first-year students who are still going through the vaccination process and/or still need to attend orientation where they learn about the uploading process)
- Employee population: 73%

**PAIDEMIC PROTOCOLS:** What follows are some of the more major pandemic protocols for Fall 2021. Again, I remind you that these might change in the event that the COVID-19 situation continues to change. We will update you on the status change. Providing that all stays as is right now, these would be the expectations of students, faculty and staff.

- **VACCINE MANDATE:** MMU does not have a vaccination requirement for students or employees at this time. Students do not need to be vaccinated for attending this fall semester.
- There may be external entities (i.e. state, federal government, NCAA or athletic conference, others) or significant changes to the public health situation that impact our decision-making on this at some point in the future, but Northern's intention is not to require vaccination to attend MMU or work here.
- Individuals (employees and students) without vaccination documentation provided to The Edge2.022 will be required to demonstrate regular symptom self-monitoring (except during official University events). More details on the specific process to come in an upcoming email.
- Some off-campus clinical sites used for student learning may have vaccination mandates. It will be the unvaccinated student's responsibility to work with their instructor to come up with an alternative option.

- **MASK REQUIREMENTS:** Unvaccinated students, faculty, staff and visitors are required to properly wear a mask (cover nose and mouth) when indoors at an MMU facility.
- This will be done on the honor system, meaning MMU will not outright ask who is vaccinated and who is not. However, violators of the policy are subject to employee/student discipline, if needed. Visiting guests will be asked to leave campus, if needed.
- All vaccinated individuals are also WELCOMED and ENCOURAGED to wear masks, as needed or desired.

- Some campus areas with restrictive space or those mandated by the state or federal requirement (i.e. MMU Health Center) may require all individuals (vaccinated and not vaccinated) to wear masks. These spaces will clearly signal.
- Some off-campus clinical sites used for student learning may have mask requirements, including for vaccinee individuals. Students must comply with these mask mandates and those who have medical exemptions on file for mask usage will need to work with their faculty to develop alternative learning opportunities.
- All individuals, vaccinated and not vaccinated, are asked to have access to masks that can be used for University situations that require a facial covering. MMU masks will be available to students at the Dean of Students office (2001 Hodgcock) and to employees at the Human Resources office (105 Chodas Hall).
- Intracollegiate, National Training Site, club sport and intercollegiate student-athletes will follow the NCAA, their conference, professional sport association, and MMU Athletic Department rules regarding masks for sports practices and competitions. When not participating in team practices and games, MMU requirements apply.

**COVID-19 TESTING:** Northern will not hold mass COVID-19 testing events. MMU Health Center will test symptomatic individuals or potential outbreak investigations.

- MMU will hold a COVID-19 vaccination clinic during move-in week, but will not hold a mass COVID-19 testing event. COVID-19 tests will not be required for attendance at the start of the semester as they were last year. The CDC does not recommend mass testing of vaccinated individuals.
- The MMU Health Center will have and have for COVID-19 testing appointments and will test symptomatic individuals during these hours. Area pharmacies are available for COVID-19 testing if an MMU individual is symptomatic and needs to test outside of the MMU Health Center testing availability or if asymptomatic but worried about possible COVID-19 exposure.
- If active cases or symptom self-monitoring data collected by the University indicate an area of campus or a specific group may be infected, Northern may require prophylactic members to do COVID-19 testing.

**ISOLATION/QUARANTINE:** Northern has moved isolation/quarantine activities from Spaulding Hall to Spooner Hall, and will have available 20 beds for isolation and quarantine purposes for MMU residence hall students.

- Per CDC recommendation, vaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact will not be required to quarantine, provided they have no symptoms. They will need to self-monitor for symptoms.
- Infected residence hall students or those identified as unvaccinated close contacts requiring quarantine will have the option to return home for their isolation/quarantine period if they choose, providing they are well enough to travel.
- Unlike last year, faculty members will not be required to provide remote learning options for those in isolation or quarantine. If well up to the student to work with their faculty to develop a plan for how to make up missed class time, assignments and learning opportunities. If well, be the ready member's choice if they want to make Zoom an option to students missing class due to illness, isolation or quarantine.
- International students must follow the current CDC requirements for quarantine upon arrival in the United States. The MMU Health Center will be available for the required COVID-19 testing.

**CONSISTENCY ACROSS CAMPUS:** Northern will make every effort to keep pandemic protocols consistent across campus to the extent that creating a safe campus environment during a pandemic will allow.

- Individual faculty and supervisors cannot make vaccination, mask, or other protocols for their areas and expect them are different from university-wide protocols without written approval from the MMU COVID-19 Logistics Team directors AND the unit's division leader.
- Faculty are encouraged to use technology in ways that enhance their course's learning experiences, but technology is not to be used in any way that replaces the on-campus instruction for courses that were scheduled to be delivered face-to-face.
- All faculty and employment supervisors are to encourage individuals who are not feeling well or have COVID symptoms to stay home - away from classes, work and campus events.

This is an overview of some of the broader pandemic protocols in place. I hope this information helps you to know what to expect for the fall semester. The goal remains that each of us use our personal responsibility to take care of ourselves, our classmates, colleagues and neighbors and our overall university and Marquette communities. If you have questions about these protocols, send those to [SafeOnCampus@nmu.edu](mailto:SafeOnCampus@nmu.edu) and a member of the MMU COVID-19 Response Team will respond.

Stay safe,  
Fritz Erickson, MMU President

P.S. Students, here's the link again if you still need to get MMU know how you want your Fall 2021 federal stimulus grant applied. Here's also the link to [The Edge2.022](https://www.nmu.edu/parentpartnership/nmu-parent-partnership-july-29-2021) for updating vaccination documentation.



# NMU Students Eligible for Fall Grants

Aug. 4, 2021



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Fall campus stock photo

Northern Michigan University students enrolled for the fall semester are eligible for grants funded by federal stimulus dollars ranging from \$250 to \$1,000. They simply need to read brief information online and select how they

<https://news.nmu.edu/nmu-students-eligible-fall-grants>

want the funding to be processed.

"NMU is recognizing that the pandemic has financially affected all students, not just our students who are Federal Pell Grant recipients," said Mike Rotundo, director of Financial Aid. "Therefore, all degree and eligible certificate programs qualify for assistance through the federal stimulus grant."

For undergraduate students enrolled in six or more credits, those who are Pell Grant eligible can receive \$1,000 and those who are not Pell Grant eligible can receive \$750. Five or fewer credits in either category will result in a \$250 award. Graduate students are eligible for \$750 with four or more credits or \$250 with fewer credits.

Students have two options for receiving the grants: applying the funds directly to their fall 2021 account balances; or having the money sent to them for use toward other pandemic-related expenses. To indicate their preference, they need to follow this [link \(https://aditweb.nmu.edu/fa/heerf\\_fall\\_2021/\)](https://aditweb.nmu.edu/fa/heerf_fall_2021/).

Northern's Board of Trustees simultaneously approved the grant program when setting tuition and fee rates at its June 28 meeting.

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