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### **Merger talks continue**

The executive boards of the Minot Area Development Corporation and Minot Area Chamber of Commerce continue to meet to discuss organizational efficiencies, moving the organizations a step closer to merging. The two boards are working with legal counsel on bylaws and regulations, while a committee has been designated to work on budgeting and finances, including investor and membership dues.

"As we continue this process, we can see the benefits of the merger and how it will be a good fit for not only our members, but the community and our employees," said L. John MacMartin, MADC interim president/CEO and Minot Chamber president. "This makes sense on so many levels and it seems that the timing is also ideal with the staffing needs in both organizations."

The boards continue to work towards the goal of merging with a plan on all being complete by first quarter of 2021. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact L. John MacMartin at 701-852-1075.



### **Minot Public Schools classes resume Thursday**

School will resume on August 27th and mask or face shields for students and staff will be required. There will be three levels to the plan green, yellow and red to determine what requirements will be in place to keep staff and students safe. Parents who do not feel comfortable sending their children to school can opt for online schooling. To learn more on the school plans, click [here](#).



### **Minot State Beavers restart**

Minot State's goal for Fall 2020 is to create a safe and effective learning environment for students, staff, and faculty. To support this goal, multiple strategies will be implemented to reduce risk in the Minot State and Minot communities. Minot State University is following CDC guidelines and the [ND Smart Restart Guidance for Employers](#). For more information, visit the [Minot State Beavers Restart Guidelines](#) and the [Minot State Human Resources Leave Procedures for COVID-19-Related Circumstances](#).

### **Council adopts face covering strategies**

The Minot City Council adopted a temporary policy requiring City of Minot employees to wear face coverings at times during work hours and supported a community-wide directive encouraging residents to wear face coverings to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Both items were unanimously approved by Council and have an effective date of Aug. 24. They will expire on Nov. 16 unless extended or terminated earlier by the Council. Learn more [here](#).

### **Trinity Health employees receive COVID bonuses**

Employees throughout Trinity Health's care system will receive a one-time pay boost this month in recognition of their work during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. President and CEO John M. Kutch announced the payment in a letter to employees, calling it a "making more possible dividend".

Under the plan, full-time workers will receive a payment of \$500 plus an extra day off; part-time employees will each receive \$250. He described the payment as a way to honor Trinity's workforce for their outstanding performance and dedication in the continuing battle against COVID-19. For more on this story click [here](#).

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