

Memorandum

To: Campus Financial Aid Administrators

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Subject: **Expiration of Peacetime Public Health Emergency/COVID-19
Wind Down of COVID-19 State Financial Aid Guidance**

Date: July 16, 2021

End to Temporary Authority:

At 11:59pm on July 1st the temporary authority granted to the Office of Higher Education (OHE) under [Minnesota Laws 2020 Regular Session, Chapter 71](#) as part of the response to the peacetime public health emergency known as COVID-19 ended. The statutory language allows for a wind down period of 60 days after the end of the peacetime public health emergency.

Details and Impact:

Due to the expiration of authority:

- All COVID-19 State Financial Aid Guidance issued expires 11:59pm 8/30/2021.
- Requests for unit restoration must be received by Nancy Johnson no later than 11:59pm 8/30/2021.
- OHE will not waive the Work Study employer share for any 2021-2022 terms.
- As part of each institution's 2020-2021 Minnesota State Grant close out, the Required COVID-19 Reporting for 2020-2021 State Financial Aid Programs report should be sent to nancy.a.johnson@state.mn.us no later than August 31st, 2021. If your school did not chose to utilize any of the temporary flexibilities, your school must still complete the spreadsheet and enter zeros and the contact information for the individual completing the document.

Questions:

Thank you for all you do each day, often under challenging circumstances, to serve Minnesota students and for your valuable partnership with OHE. If you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact me.