Good afternoon colleagues,

I just wanted to get out a quick follow-up related to the executive order issued by Governor Walz last night that suspended parts of public sector collectively bargained agreements and allowed for limited changes to be made to those agreements.

As I mentioned on our 9am call today, the primary purpose of this EO was to allow the state to offer a new type of leave related to the COVID-19 response that is not currently in place in these agreements. As for right now, this new leave policy, as well as a suspension of the 35 day waiting period for new employees to be eligible for insurance, are the only changes stemming from this EO.

MMB has now issued the guidelines for the new COVID-19 leave. They can be found here: https://mn.gov/mmb-stat/policies/covid-19-leave-policy.pdf

Please note that all employees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities are included in this new policy.

We expect faculty will be hearing about this shortly from their campus HRs. We are still exploring additional implications of this new leave policy as well as the EO itself. As always, please continue to reach out to us with questions.

In unity,

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