

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAIN HOME
HEALTHY CAMPUS PLAN
2021-2022

Preserving the health and safety of students, employees, and our community while sustaining the high-quality and accessibility of our academic programs and services are our top priorities.

- ASUMH will continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and State of Arkansas officials including the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. [CDC guidelines for Institutes of Higher Education](#)
- While we cannot eliminate all risk of exposure and infection on campus, the plan will attempt to manage and mitigate those risks
- Important information will be communicated through the [ASUMH website COVID-19 page](#), portal.asumh.edu, mobile app, text messages, emails, campus video messaging boards, social media, and Blackboard. Educational and informational signs will be posted on campus.

Questions or concerns from students, parents, employees, or the public may be sent to: Dr. Julia Gist at jgist@asumh.edu or through the [COVID-19 Requests, Concerns, and Assistance Form](#).

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

COVID-19 Vaccinations

1. **No requirement.** According to Act 1002 of the Arkansas legislature ASUMH cannot require the COVID-19 vaccine.
2. **Strongly recommended.** ASUMH strongly recommends that students, faculty, and staff receive a vaccination to immunize themselves against COVID-19 and protect others.
3. **Vaccinated students have a better chance for an uninterrupted semester.** In keeping with CDC guidance, if you are fully vaccinated, you are less likely to get sick and need to isolate for 10-14 days; you will not be deemed “close contacts” and have to quarantine for 7-10 days, and you will not need to test for COVID-19 unless you show symptoms.

Masks

1. **No requirement.** According to Act 1002 of the Arkansas legislature ASUMH cannot require masks on campus.
2. **Mask policy.** In keeping with CDC guidance, ASUMH recommends that students, faculty, and staff wear masks indoors (including classrooms). To facilitate student learning, faculty will not be required to wear masks in classrooms as long as six-foot distancing is maintained.

Physical Distancing

1. **Three-foot distancing in classrooms.** ASUMH has adopted CDC guidance for K-12 schools and established a minimum of three-foot distancing in all classrooms, meeting rooms, and conference rooms.
2. **General Policy.** We trust our campus community to manage their physical distancing in areas not listed and outside.

Personal Responsibility

1. **Hygiene practices.** The CDC recommends frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
2. **Personal Health.**
 1. Stay home when sick and see your personal health provider. Notify your faculty or supervisor if absent.
 2. Isolate or Quarantine if you test positive for COVID-19 or are a considered a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.
 3. Complete the [COVID-19 Reporting Form](https://asumh.edu/covid-19/) at <https://asumh.edu/covid-19/>
3. **General Policy.** We are all part of a larger community and we encourage you to remember that fact when making decisions that could impact the health and safety of others.

Classroom Plan

1. **Technology.** All classrooms are equipped with the technology to deliver lectures through zoom.
2. **Student Responsibility.** If a student is required to miss lecture/lab because of illness, isolation, or quarantine they should notify their instructor of their absence and develop a plan to remain current in the course.

This plan will be updated as appropriate for guidance and/or regulatory issues from federal, state, or local health officials. Questions about this plan may be directed in writing to jgist@asumh.edu.