



To: All University Employees

From: The AAMU COVID-19 Response Task Force

Date: August 6, 2021

RE: UPDATED 2021 Fall Semester Re-Entry

Based on the [University's Re-Engagement Plan](#), the campus is in a **Moderate to High-Risk Scenario: Virus Resurgence {EXTREME CAUTION based on Local and State Data}**. In an effort to "Return to Normal," and "Shield the Hill" the AAMU COVID-19 Response Task Force is requiring that all faculty, staff and students, returning for the Fall 2021 semester observe the following, in addition to previously published COVID-19 safety measures.

COVID-19 RE-ENTRY SURVEY

All employees and students are asked to complete the Re-entry COVID Survey and, if vaccinated, voluntarily provide proof of immunization prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester. The Student Health Center will utilize your vaccine status information during contact tracing to determine quarantine status based on CDC and ADPH guidance.

Employees: <https://lsrfichewb.aamu.edu/Forms/covid-vaccine-survey>

Students: <https://lsrfichewb.aamu.edu/Forms/covid-reentry-survey-students>

If an individual does not complete the Re-entry Survey and/or voluntarily provide proof of vaccination, the Student Health Center will assume that the individual is **NOT** fully vaccinated, and the individual will be required to quarantine (if identified during contact tracing). Vaccinated individuals will have a modified quarantine period based on recommended guidance from the CDC and ADPH.

During the Fall semester, there will be continual symptom checking for all individuals and weekly sentinel testing for those not vaccinated. Individuals who do not comply with sentinel testing will be subject to disciplinary actions, which can include fines, loss of compensation, etc. until such time that the individual becomes compliant with sentinel testing. Upon the discovery of a positive COVID-19 case, contact tracing will be performed to assess the status of campus. If future outbreaks occur, the university will implement additional restrictions and the reduction of individuals on campus will be revisited.



Mask Policy

- The University will still adhere to mandatory masks, gaiters, and face shields *with* masks in public areas on campus. As advised by the CDC, face shields are *not* adequate protection when used without a mask.
- Bandanas are PROHIBITED.
- The public areas on campus include, but are not limited to, hallways, elevators, stairwells, bathrooms, open work areas, classrooms, closely confined workspaces, study areas, face-to-face meetings and any large gatherings whether located inside or outside where adequate social distancing cannot be achieved.

Student Health Center

- The COVID-19 Vaccine is not a requirement per the State of Alabama. However, vaccinations are strongly encouraged and recommended for faculty, staff and students.
- The Student Health Center provides testing and vaccination services.
- Beginning August 16th, the weekly testing for non-vaccinated individuals will be Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 12:00pm and Tuesday from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

Facilities

- Deep cleaning of facilities prior to arrivals.
- Frequent cleaning of “high touch” and common areas.
- Installing additional hand sanitizing stations.

Academic & Business Continuity

- From August 18th continuing through August 31st, instructional delivery for all campus-based courses will be facilitated virtually in a synchronous online format. Please be reminded that employees (faculty and staff) are required to report to campus for work, as communicated by the Office of Human Resources. **All teleworking agreements have expired.**
- During the timeframe listed above, faculty may teach synchronously from their office spaces or from the classroom of the respective course.
- On September 1, campus-based courses will resume and be delivered in the originally scheduled modality.
- Staff should be in their offices available to assist students.
- High traffic offices will continue the use of virtual lines (Qless) to avoid long lines and gathering of individuals in hallways and offices.

University Travel

- The University will follow the recommendations of the CDC and ADPH regarding testing and quarantining after domestic travel.
- The University will not authorize International Travel at this time. If individuals choose to voluntarily travel internationally, upon return to the United States, CDC recommendations regarding testing and quarantine will be followed.
- Until further notice, only fully vaccinated students will be allowed to travel with the University. Any chaperone accompanying student groups must be fully vaccinated.

Dining Services

- For the first two weeks students are required to wear their COVID-19 clearance wristband for entry into the cafeteria.
- Dining Services will have modified/extended hours and take-out services, until further notice.

Housing

- Students residing in the residence halls will have a curfew of 11:00 pm.
- There will be NO visitation between residence halls.
- These are temporary measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and will be reviewed after the first two weeks of classes.

Remember, when you arrive on the campus of Alabama A&M University:

- Follow University and CDC guidelines.
- Practice physical distancing when in the presence of others.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer as needed.
- Complete health check daily.
- Use temperature devices in the buildings.
- Indoor activities are limited to capacity using 3 feet of social distancing with mandatory masking.

