



Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University

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Dear Campus Community,

As public health officials continue to express significant concern for spikes in cases of COVID-19 across our state and nation, Alabama A&M University is cautiously moving forward under Alabama's Safer at Home Order, effective July 3, 2020. To this end, the University is extending telework operations for "low-impact" areas as defined by each vice president or division head until further notice. We desire to return campus operations to 100% by August 1, 2020, in preparation for the first day of classes, Monday, August 17, 2020. Previously approved "high-impact" areas may continue to safely access campus under the following safety measures.

- Mask required in public spaces
- Mandatory physical/social distancing
- Offices are currently closed to the public
- Remain home if sick (notify supervisor immediately)

Additionally, the University's Re-Engagement Plan outlines additional safety measures being implemented for Fall 2020.

- Testing: Students, faculty, and staff must test for COVID-19 before returning to campus and periodically during the semester as required. The Student Health and Counseling Center will soon provide testing instructions. Please note: a positive test will restrict access to campus until a negative test is obtained.
- Masks: The University requires face coverings (see plan for restrictions) in public spaces, including outside if physical distancing is not available. The University will purchase 1 (one) mask reusable mask for each campus member.
- Physical Distancing: The University will comply with CDC guidelines regarding physical/social distancing in all facilities.
- Facilities: Facilities are undergoing prudent measures in preparation for your return and will continue into the semester. This includes deep cleaning and frequent cleaning of "high-touch" areas, and installation of hand sanitizer stations, signage, and sneeze, guards, where physical distancing is not available. Common gathering areas will remain closed.
- Monitoring of Symptoms: Students, faculty, staff, and visitors will be screened for fever upon entering academic, student services, and administrative facilities through a designated point of entry. Additionally, the Student Health and Counseling Center will provide information to the internal community members regarding the process for self-monitoring.

You may click [here](#) to review the complete Fall 2020 Re-Engagement Plan. Please note that the plan, much like COVID-19 is fluid, allowing for changes and flexibility as the pandemic continues to unfold.

Sincerely,

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President