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## COVID-19 Update to Faculty and Staff: December 16, 2020

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Dear UCA Faculty and Staff:

As we wrap up the fall 2020 semester and prepare for Winter Break, I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for you and all that you have done to make this semester a success. Without your positive attitude, your strategic problem solving, and your ongoing commitment to this university and our students, we would not have been able to complete the fall semester as planned. Thank you for rising to the challenge and going above and beyond each and every day to serve our students. This will likely be my last email communication with you this year, so I also wanted to share a few important updates and reminders as we close out the fall semester.

### RETURN-TO-WORK AGREEMENT

While many of us are working remotely where feasible, the campus and all offices remain open through Tuesday, Dec. 22. The university will be closed for Winter Break from Wednesday, Dec. 23 through Sunday Jan. 3. Just as we did before the fall semester, we are requiring all UCA employees to sign the Return to Work agreement before physically reporting to work on campus in 2021. The form is attached to this email. Please print, sign, and return it to your supervisor before you return to campus in January. Supervisors are responsible for collecting these forms and maintaining them for departmental records. If you have any questions regarding this agreement, please contact [humanresources@uca.edu](mailto:humanresources@uca.edu).

### COVID-19 TESTING REMINDERS

During Winter Break, please continue to do everything in your power to stay healthy. Our entire campus community — from faculty and staff to students — must remain diligent in the coming weeks in order to slow the spread of the virus and have a safe return to campus in the spring. No matter where you are in the next few weeks, continue to wear your masks, maintain six feet of distance whenever possible, and wash your hands often. While many of us will be off campus in the coming weeks, we still have a great responsibility to help keep ourselves, our neighbors, and our friends and families safe.

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 in the next few weeks and need to be tested, you have several options. As previously mentioned, the UCA Student Health Clinic (SHC) has a PCR-based Abbott ID NOW machine that provides COVID-19 test results in around 15 minutes for symptomatic individuals. The SHC also offers a PCR-based test for individuals who are not symptomatic but would like to get tested. Specimens are sent to a local lab, and results are typically returned in around 24 hours. Call the SHC at (501) 450-3136 or email [covid19@uca.edu](mailto:covid19@uca.edu) for more information.

While the Student Health Clinic will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 3 for Winter Break, normal hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4. If you need medical assistance during this time, contact Conway Regional Health System at (501) 506-CRHS (2747). Conway Regional provides [drive-thru testing](#) as well as an [after-hours clinic](#).

As a reminder, UCA is planning to work with the Arkansas Department of Health to host a free COVID-19 testing event on Jan. 20, 2021 for students, faculty, and staff. We will provide additional details in the coming

weeks.

## **PANDEMIC PLANNING AND RESPONSE**

As we transition from fall to spring, the work of the UCA Pandemic Planning and Response Team continues. The team and the associated working groups are actively planning for the spring and summer 2021 semesters and incorporating the lessons we have learned into our preparation. I am incredibly thankful for the ongoing efforts of the hundreds of employees and students who have been involved in our campus response to COVID-19 since February. While there will be much left to do in the spring, I am proud of all that we have accomplished working together, and I feel confident in our ability to meet the challenges of 2021.

Thank you again for all that you continue to do to make UCA a great place to live and learn. I hope you each enjoy a well-deserved break in the coming weeks and find time to rest and decompress after a challenging 2020. I wish you a peaceful holiday season and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Sincerely,

Houston Davis  
President

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 **Return to Work Agreement- Spring 2021.pdf**  
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