
Follow-Up on Questions Regarding COVID-19

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Dear Faculty and Staff:

I am reaching out today with important updates regarding COVID-19 and how UCA is preparing for its potential impact. Many of you have asked questions about your roles and the roles of those who report to you.

As a reminder, the latest information regarding UCA and our actions related to COVID-19 can be found at uca.edu/coronavirus or by visiting the [UCA homepage](#) and clicking on the banner at the top of the page. Below are some highlights that we want faculty and staff to be aware of as of today:

- **Academic Continuity Planning:** At this time, all classes are proceeding as usual. However, Academic Affairs and the Center for Teaching Excellence are [implementing tools](#) that will allow us to pivot to online delivery of all courses, should the situation call for that move. Our goal would be to achieve "social distancing," which is a primary containment strategy, while enabling all departments and students to continue courses and complete the spring academic term.
- **Assessment and Containment:** If an individual has been exposed to a person with COVID-19, or if someone is exhibiting symptoms, UCA health officials in concert with the [Arkansas Department of Health \(ADH\)](#) are following ADH guidelines and procedures for assessment and containment. This includes an accounting of other individuals that they have been in contact with, and may also include being quarantined and monitored for symptoms. Should it be necessary to quarantine for monitoring on campus and/or attend to those who are in quarantine, we have identified spaces on campus and key personnel for those activities.
- **Business Operations Continuity Planning:** The leadership team is meeting regularly to discuss scenarios for the continuity of university business in the event of a change in operations and/or a campus closure. All departments on campus should be looking to existing departmental continuity plans and assessing the essential personnel and essential operations in the context of COVID-19.
- **Reminder of Precautions:** On the [UCA coronavirus](#) page, you will find a list of [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) recommendations for preventing the spread of any virus, including the flu, which is active across the U.S. and in Arkansas. Please take time to review these suggested steps.

Again, please pay attention to other emails from my office regarding the latest on COVID-19. You can rely upon uca.edu/coronavirus as your source for the latest information and the place to which you direct questions.

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