

## COVID-19 Student Update – March 17, 2020

Dear UAM Students,

You may have seen the announcement earlier that UAM will continue to deliver all instruction in a virtual setting through the end of the Spring 2020 semester. **This means that there will be no face-to-face classes meeting at any of our campuses for the remainder of the semester.** UAM Colleges of Technology students in lab-based courses will receive additional direction from their faculty. Students at all campuses should be checking Blackboard and your university email regularly for updates from your faculty on how to proceed in each of your courses.

**It is important to note that administration is not aware of any confirmed cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) among any UAM students, faculty, or staff.**

**First things first, the residence halls are open and will remain open for the remainder of the semester.** Dining services is also open and both services **will not close for Spring Break.** Residence life staff have deep cleaned entrances, common areas, and hallways (including room doors); we have planned education for residents on CDC recommendations for protecting yourself and others; and we have begun planning how to provide for a campus life during this time of social distancing.

If you have not been in your residence hall for the past week, please check-in with Residence Life staff upon your return. This can be done at your residence hall daily, between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM.

**Your continued academic success and holistic well-being are our number one priority.** With that said, there are some things I want to make you aware of as we begin the second half of the semester. These changes are effective immediately unless otherwise stated:

- All major student programs and activities remain cancelled. We will continue to offer creative ways to provide opportunities for activity, while following CDC guidelines and social distancing precautions.
- All intramural sports and scheduled recreation activities remain cancelled. However, some recreational facilities and the Wellness Center will be open on adjusted schedules to meet your needs.
- All intercollegiate athletic events and practices remain cancelled per NCAA mandates.
- Institutional and federal work study students may now report to work. Please work with your supervisor to coordinate the specifics of your return.
- Dining services will remain open in a reduced capacity, providing prepared meals in the University Center at designated times for anyone who has a meal plan. Breakfast will be provided from 8 AM – 9 AM, lunch from 12 PM – 1 PM, and dinner from 5-6 PM. Over the weekend, the meals will be brunch 12 PM – 1 PM and dinner 5 PM – 6 PM. All food service locations on campus, including Chick-fil-A and the Boll Weevil Bistro (Starbucks), are open for take-out orders only.

**Understanding the unique needs that our students are feeling in this time, the following campus resources stand ready to assist those who are in need:**

- **Counseling Services** is offering in-person counseling services for students in need by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled online through the following link: <http://bit.ly/UAM-Counseling>. Call (870) 460-1554 if you have any questions.
- **Health Services** is available to students by appointment only from 8 AM to 12 PM, Monday through Friday. Appointments can be made by calling (870) 460-1051 or by emailing [Richardson@uamont.edu](mailto:Richardson@uamont.edu).
- **Academic Advising** virtual appointments may be made by calling (870) 460-1633 or by emailing [Advising@uamont.edu](mailto:Advising@uamont.edu).
- **The Fred J. Taylor Library** will be open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.
- **Career, Testing, and Tutoring Services** will be open and available to you beginning March 30, 2020.
- **Computer labs** in the following locations are open from 8 AM to 4:30 PM for students with limited internet access at home:
  - Monticello – Student Success Center, Room 202 and in the Fred J. Taylor Library
  - McGehee – Career Pathways Lab
  - Crossett – Main Building, Room 105
- **Food Hubs** are open on the Monticello campus in a variety of locations, for those students experiencing food insecurity during this time. For more information on how to access Food Hubs, please email [Student Engagement](mailto:StudentEngagement@uamont.edu).
- **UAMS Health** is offering a free, online screening for adults currently located in Arkansas who consider themselves to be symptomatic of the Novel Coronavirus. Depending on the screening questions answered, an interactive video consult may be conducted, and/or the appropriate authorities/response teams may be notified. You can access that screening at the following link: <https://uamshealth.com/healthnow/>. In addition, you can also call the UAMS Health hotline at 1-800-632-4502.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued cooperation and understanding as we adapt to this ever-changing situation. We all have a shared responsibility to maintain good health and decrease the potential impacts of COVID-19. As the situation continues to develop, we will continue to update you via email. We will also be updating UAM's COVID-19 information, located at <http://bit.ly/UAM-COVID-19>. Please continue to check your email. If you have questions, please email me using this [link](mailto:davila@uamont.edu).

Sincerely,

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