

Originally sent by Executive Council members to their respective divisions.

Dear Faculty & Staff,

In our efforts to keep the UAM community informed of developments concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Executive Council wanted to follow up on the informational email sent out Monday afternoon. **It is important to note there are currently no confirmed cases in Arkansas.** However, we continue to monitor the situation as it develops across the country and are following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) for news, guidance, and tracking of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

See the information below to learn more about steps the University is taking to protect your health and the health of the UAM community.

Pandemic Action Plan

UAM has developed a Pandemic Action Plan and is in the final stages of adapting it to address the current outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Per the Pandemic Action Plan, the University has identified a Command Team which is meeting regularly to assess this ever-changing situation and prepare for its potential impact on our community.

At this stage, the Command Team has issued the first informational notification on the virus, has directed custodial services to routinely clean frequently touched surfaces, is placing handwashing signage in various campus locations, and is developing additional preventative health education materials. The Command Team is meeting regularly to discuss potential impacts to the University, e.g., continuity of academic instruction, residence life, food services, athletics, and health services.

Travel Restrictions

Following federal and local guidelines recommended to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), UAM is suspending all university-related international travel. In addition, the University recommends avoiding travel to affected states. This [CDC Map](#) shows all states reporting cases of COVID-19 and is updated daily. **All UAM employees are required to report travel to affected states at least 48 hours prior to travel or immediately upon learning one has traveled to an affected state.** All reports of travel plans are to be made to, and are subject to approval by, the employee's respective Executive Council member. Previously approved travel to affected states is subject to cancellation.

Please be assured that the University is doing the utmost to protect your health and the health of our greater community. Please see the [CDC Fact Sheet](#) and information on [how to stop the spread of germs](#). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we seek to respond to this situation in a way that combats confusion and panic with planning and preparation. Pay attention to your email for further communications as this situation develops.

Sincerely,

Executive Council