

UAHT CAMPUS SAFETY PROTOCOLS UPDATED 05/17/2021

The purpose of the recommendations is to support higher education while minimizing the likelihood of person-to-person spread of COVID 19 and other illnesses on the campus of UAHT. Updates to these guidelines are provided to students, staff, and faculty directly.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are recommended for anyone not fully vaccinated (faculty, staff, students, contractors, suppliers, vendors, and visitors) while indoors or who are unable to maintain social distancing.

Summer and Fall 2021 Schedule

Classes are offered face to face and via distance learning in addition to in-person classes. Classes meeting MWF have a modified start time to allow 15 minutes in between classes. Most classes will return to their pre-Covid location.

Classroom Safety

Students and faculty who are not vaccinated are encouraged to wear a face mask while in the classroom and inside buildings. Faculty and students should socially space whenever possible. Classroom seating has returned to regular spacing; however, it is encouraged to skip seats when possible. Most classrooms will keep the plexiglass dividers in place.

Faculty will work with students who are sick, suspected of being sick, or quarantined. Students who are positive for COVID-19 or the FLU may contact covid@uaht.edu. Faculty are not required to live-stream or record lectures and will only be done at the instructor's discretion. Please, refer to your course syllabus for details.

Handwashing and Disinfecting

Regular handwashing with antibacterial soap is one of the best ways to stop the spread of germs and viruses. The CDC recommends washing hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. In addition to proper handwashing, one should sanitize his/her hands frequently. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout buildings, and individuals are encouraged to disinfect upon entering and exiting buildings throughout the day.

Faculty Offices and Office Hours

During office hours, faculty doors shall remain partially open, or faculty members be visible if the door is shut. Office hours will be clearly visible on every faculty member's door and in their syllabus. Faculty will have established regular and/or virtual office hours and provide their office phone number to students.

Staff Offices

Staff office doors shall be kept open, depending on their location. It is a best practice to call or email the staff you wish to visit to set up an appointment. Appointments will be taken care of before walk-ins. Make sure you know the office location. If you are sick or running a fever, do not visit with any employee in person. Please contact that person by phone to see how best to take care of the situation.

Library Use and Procedures

The library will return to pre-Covid capacity and usage.

Food Services/ Breaks /Meals

The Brickhouse Express Cafe in the Student Center on the Hope campus will adhere to all requirements in the Arkansas Department of Health's *Directive on Resuming Restaurant Operations*. The full text of the directive can be viewed here:

https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/directive_restaurant_dine-in.pdf

Business Office/Student Bills

The UAHT Business Office staff encourages employees and students to use electronic options as the preferred means of communication and interaction. Touchless methods of making payments are available and are encouraged as the safest option for paying on your account. Online debit/credit card payments may be made by accessing MyUAHT; make debit/credit card phone payments by calling 870-722-8213; mail check payments to UAHT Business Office, PO Box 140, Hope, AR 71802 (please include your student ID#).

Healthy Practices

All individuals are encouraged to practice social distancing wherever possible. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When this is not possible, utilize hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Utilize proper sneeze/cough etiquette. Cover your mouth and nose with a face covering. Limit contact in large gatherings and where people are not vaccinated.

If You Are Sick

If you are sick and are COVID or FLU positive, **stay home**, call your health care provider, and email your instructors/supervisor that you are ill and will not be on campus that day.