

Hello, Students.

Happy New Year. I trust that you are ready for a rewarding, healthy, and successful Spring 2021 semester.

As the new year begins, please remain careful and diligent. Continue to do your part following the critical prevention strategies: **Wear** your mask, **Watch** your distance, and **Wash** your hands.

COVID-19 standards to be followed:

1. Remember that *everyone* is required to wear a face covering, observe social distancing, maintain hand hygiene, avoid gatherings, follow directional signage, and otherwise limit exposure/transmission risk to yourself and others.
2. All students and employees are required to self-monitor for symptoms of illness and to sign an attestation before going to class or reporting to work that you are symptom-free, have not been exposed to COVID-19, and are in compliance with [Governor Hogan's travel guidance](#).

Individuals who do travel to Maryland must either [obtain a negative COVID-19 test result](#) or self-quarantine for 10 days. This travel applies to all states, with the exception of Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC.

3. Stay home if you are sick or are under an isolation/quarantine order. Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms. If you have tested positive, if you have been identified by public health officials as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, or if you have been exposed to the virus, we need to know and ask that you contact a member of ACM's COVID-19 Command Team for guidance: [https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/COVID-19 Exposure Procedures.pdf](https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/COVID-19%20Exposure%20Procedures.pdf)
4. ACM will continue to operate under special protocols in an effort to protect our students, staff, faculty, and community. Offices are open with modified staffing/operations and many ACM employees are working remotely. Virtual appointments are encouraged.

As I have shared many times, **we are all in this together**. I ask that you continue to do your part to ensure a safe and successful Spring 2021 semester. If you have any questions, please reach out to a Welcome Center Specialist by emailing info@allegany.edu or calling 301-784-5005.

Warm regards,
Dr. Bambara