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**A REOPENING GUIDE FOR ASU FACULTY,
STAFF, STUDENTS AND VISITORS**

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A Message from the President



Greetings Hornet Nation!

On March 13, 2021, we reached a milestone in the history of this great institution: the one-year anniversary of the day that I, along with the members of my Cabinet, made the decision to send our students home and begin the process of closing our campus in response to the global pandemic. As we prepare for our 5th (Summer) and 6th (Fall) semesters under this temporary normal, we are setting forth the protocols under which we will operate in this edition of the campus reopening guide. We have retained those elements of the Spring guide that will carry forth to the new year; however, you will find that the Summer/Fall 2021 Reopening Guide also has a few additions. These guidelines affect all of us who live, learn and work at ASU, so I advise you take the time to read this Guide carefully so that you are fully prepared to engage with the University.

We are proud of the fact the prevailing plans that have guided us through this challenging season have proven to be successful, particularly in terms of keeping our campus population safe while continuing to provide excellence in academics via both in-person and remote learning.

While we respect the decision by the CDC to alter its restrictions related to wearing masks, we feel very strongly that the University cannot afford to relax our guard at this crucial time. **So, I want to emphasize that Alabama State University remains a Mask Mandatory campus.** As a matter of fact, we are increasing our safety efforts by offering on-campus vaccinations in addition to conducting sentinel (random) testing for COVID-19. I encourage all ASU faculty, staff and students to be vaccinated before returning to campus. We also firmly believe that each of us should continue our individual diligence to wash our hands frequently, avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing and temper our personal behavior even when we are away from campus. As with our previous guides, this document will be updated as needed throughout the Summer and Fall semesters. Look for direct communications as updates occur and make a habit of visiting the University's website for the latest information about academics, and health and safety at ASU. The Reopening Guide will be pinned to the top of the homepage.

As always, we remain mission focused and vision driven as we move ASU 150 years forward. Stay Aware, Stay Safe and Stay Hornet Strong!

With Hornet Pride,



President Quinton T. Ross, Jr.

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