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## MOVING FORWARD



## Fall 2022/Spring 2023 UPDATE

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

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ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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# A Message from the President



## Greetings Hornet Nation!

As we enter the new semester, we are excited about all of the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead of this great University. We want to keep in mind our commitment to making the health and safety of the campus community a top priority. This updated edition of the ASU Reopening Guide offers a detailed roadmap of safety protocols that have helped to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on our campus.

Due to the prevalence of the Omicron variant, we have instituted a few additional protocols that are outlined in this document, particularly in the sections on pages 8-17 and the athletics safety information on page 30.

One important protocol relates to campus reentry: **ALL ASU employees and students must now present a negative test result before returning to campus.** Employees and students should check their ASU email accounts for specific details related to testing and submission of results.

I also want to emphasize that Alabama State University remains a **Mask Mandatory** campus. We will also continue to adhere to CDC guidelines related to social distancing, hand washing, avoiding large gatherings and tempering our personal behavior whether on or off campus. We cannot afford to relax our guard at any point during this pandemic. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to maintain a safe campus for all who live, learn and work at Alabama State University.

Please be reminded that this Reopening Guide may be updated as needed. ASU students, faculty and staff should look for direct communications as updates occur and make a habit of visiting the ASU website for the latest information about academics and safety protocols. The Reopening Guide will continue to be pinned to the top of the homepage at [www.alasu.edu](http://www.alasu.edu).

This is a perfect opportunity for all of us to “**#SWARMAS1**” in our stand for operating as a safe and productive campus community.

As always, I admonish you all to **STAY AWARE, STAY SAFE AND STAY HORNET STRONG!**

With Hornet Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Q. Ross, Jr.', written over the printed name.

President Quinton T. Ross, Jr.

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## A Message from Dr. Joyce Loyd-Davis

### SR. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES



As we prepare to return for Fall semester, we must all keep safety at the forefront of our plans. It is important to understand the most current COVID Protocols at Alabama State University. Each protocol and safety precaution is to protect our ASU family and campus. The following protocols are currently in place for Fall semester:

- **EVERYONE** must submit a negative result of a test that was taken **within 5 days of your return or an up-to-date vaccine card.** (An up-to-date vaccine is defined as a complete primary vaccination series and any eligible boosters.)
- The campus will remain **“Mask Mandatory” inside buildings and classrooms**; masks are optional in outdoor spaces.
- **EVERYONE** will be subject to sentinel (random) testing on campus, and **you must show up for testing.**
- For **STUDENTS**, failure to report for sentinel testing may result in being locked out of Blackboard. **EMPLOYEES** who fail to report for sentinel testing will be reported to Human Resources.
- During Fall Semester, **STUDENTS** who test positive off campus must submit their results to COVID Support. **EMPLOYEES** who test positive off campus must submit results to Human Resources.
- If you test positive, you will receive isolation instructions from the University Health Center.

**If you have any questions about these protocols, please email [covidsupport@alasu.edu](mailto:covidsupport@alasu.edu).**

Please continue to use universal COVID precautions, and let's work together to keep our campus safe!



**Because of our safety measures and YOUR cooperation, we've been able to keep our campus safe. So, thumbs up, Hornets! Keep up the good work and show your Bama State pride! Reminder to stay safe and MASK UP. All ASU students, employees and visitors are **STILL REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS WHILE IN BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS. MASKS ARE OPTIONAL OUTSIDE.****

# Guiding Principles for Fall 2022/Spring 2023 Reopening Alabama State University

The health and safety of Alabama State University (ASU) students, employees and the community remain a top priority as we maneuver through this unprecedented pandemic (COVID-19). ASU's plans for returning to campus in the spring/summer will be guided by principles that will transform our ability to adopt new expectations around campus and adherence to recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and local health officials. Our Spring/Summer 2022 Reopening Guide is driven by the following principles:

- Adherence to public health guidelines to ensure safety and reduce risks by enhancing cleaning efforts, educating stakeholders and encouraging everyone to practice safety measures.
- Commitment to keep ourselves and each other safe.
- Demonstration of our resilience, care and concern for stakeholders, and tracking and monitoring of reopening efforts to determine efficiency and effectiveness.
- Encouragement of personal responsibility in following health and safety measures consistently and frequently among our stakeholders.
- Intricate involvement of the institution's General Counsel, Health Center and Human Resources divisions in the development of protocols to ensure adherence to institutional policies and external laws and regulations.
- Utilization of continuous intentional and strategic planning with stakeholders to guide the safe opening of campus in the spring/summer.
- Promotion of innovation relating to our "new normal" with a positive impact on teaching and learning, research and service.
- Provision of clear and consistent communication to all stakeholders.

The University is committed to providing excellence in all areas, as the mission, vision and goals of ASU will remain at the forefront of all decisions. ASU's Guide is categorically organized to provide its stakeholders with plans for the following:

- ① [Accessing the Campus](#)
- ② [Health and Safety](#)
- ③ [Campus Enhancements](#)
- ④ [Protocols to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness of Our Return to Campus](#)
- ⑤ [Communication](#)
- ⑥ [Evaluation](#)