Good afternoon all,

Please see below for the weekly COVID-19 Command Team Update.

The COVID-19 Command Team, consisting of faculty and staff, has developed our response plan to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on our campuses and locations.

The COVID-19 Exposure Procedures (viewable by clicking here), an outline of our anticipated actions when the College is aware of a confirmed or possible COVID-19 case from a student, faculty/staff, or member of the community who visited the campus and whose presence compromises the public health of the College.

Weekly Results
For the period of October 29 – November 4, 2021, the COVID-19 Command Team reports:

- **29 Received Reports** (Close Contact or Exposure) which have been reviewed by the Command Team
- **6 Confirmed Positive Cases**
  
  *A confirmed positive case can come from a report filed within a prior week/update.*

Cumulative Results
For the period of August 23, 2021 to present, the COVID-19 Command Team reports:

- **418 Received Reports** (Close Contact or Exposure) which have been reviewed by the Command Team
- **77 Confirmed Positive Cases**

*Note: The Command Team feels that it is important to report all positive cases for full transparency. However, it is important to note that there are many positive tests for students, faculty/staff, and others who have not been on campus for several weeks, months or longer.

When a positive case occurs, the Command Team will take action to notify those individuals potentially exposed. The number of received reports above represent all communications made with an ACM official. In the vast majority of cases, which include reporting of any possible COVID-19 symptom, close contact and possible exposure, the individual in not COVID positive. The report is taken for safety of others and to ensure full transparency. Out of an abundance of caution the ACM Official submits a work order to have any area impacted deep cleaned and may recommend classes be temporarily moved.

The COVID-19 Command Team is committed to being transparent in sharing the number of individuals within the ACM community who have self-reported that they may have been exposed to or tested positive for COVID-19.
DISCLAIMER: Reports about a possible exposure or positive cases are not permitted to be shared by anyone aside from the appropriate designated College official mentioned in the list below.

The College is notifying anyone who may have been in contact with a potential exposure or positive case during their time on campus.

These notifications share some basic guidance. Persons who need to quarantine and changes to operations/classes are notified separately. With the rise in community spread and campus impact, the College is urging everyone to exercise even greater caution to prevent infection of self and others, to monitor symptoms, to stay home if any symptoms of any illness develop, to be tested if symptomatic or possible exposure, to comply if you are given directives, to cooperate with contact tracing, and to avoid any on or off-campus activities that could put you, your loved ones, and our ACM community at risk.

If you or a student in your class has been exposed, becomes symptomatic, or receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please contact the appropriate ACM Official (primary contacts below):

Employee Exposure
Faculty/Staff (HR): Melinda Duckworth, Director of Human Resources, 301-784-5230

Student Exposure
Student Athletes (SA): Tommie Reams, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, 301-784-5264

Allied Health Students (AH): Cheryl Nelson, Director of the Nurse Managed Wellness Clinic, 301-784-5671

Bedford County Campus Students (BC): Leah Pepple, Director of PA Advancement and Community Relations, 814-652-9528, ext. 1-6223

Other Students (OS) & Third Party (3P): Renee Conner, Dean of Student and Legal Affairs, 301-784-5206

ACM’s masking requirements are different from the State of MD and PA.

Please continue to practice safe behaviors to prevent the spread of COVID-19 -- wearing face masks properly while indoors or outside when physical distancing is not possible, practicing hand hygiene, following directional flow signs, engaging in social distancing, using sanitizing supplies, and taking additional precautions as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Questions may be directed to any COVID-19 Command Team member.
Frequently Ask Questions

A new FAQ has been added to the ACM website https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/Covid-19-ACM-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf to try to help answer questions you may have including the purpose of attestations, what to do if you have COVID related symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID, and the purpose of Clery notifications.