**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** COVID Reporting Process has undergone significant changes as of Monday, December 6th 2021.

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 following account.

E-mail: covidreports@allegany.edu
Phone: 301-784-5061

**DUE TO HIGH CALL VOLUMES, PLEASE CONSIDER E-MAILING YOUR REPORTS IN AT THIS TIME. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE**

Good afternoon,

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

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

A new FAQ has been added to the ACM website [https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/Covid-19-ACM-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf](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.

**Q&A Forums:**

The Command Team will be discontinuing our Q&A Forums until further notice. Any additional updates, or details about any informational sessions that the Command Team plans to potentially offer in the future can be found here.

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](https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/documents/Covid-19-ACM-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf) (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 **January 14 – January 20, 2022**, the COVID-19 Command Team reports:

- **59 Received Reports** (Close Contact or Exposure) which have been reviewed by the Command Team
- **22 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:

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

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.

Please note that the COVID Command Team has the authority to quarantine and take other appropriate actions based on the guidelines from the Command Team and agreed to by ACM leadership. During these challenging times, please be reminded of the importance of civility in our interaction with others.

**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**.

For updates on PA COVID-19 Case Totals: [https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Monitoring-Dashboard.aspx)