Dear Colleagues,

The Spring 2022 semester begins in less than 48 hours. Whether you’re wrapping up a syllabus or fielding calls from students, please take a moment.

This semester, like every semester, marks a new beginning for students, especially our new students. They’re here in search of a new start and a better future.

It can be our fresh start too. Let’s reconnect with compassion as a family of employees, moving forward in service of our students and our community and living our mission and values daily.

SERVING OUR STUDENTS

This semester we promise to:

1. Do all that we can to keep our students healthy, safe, and informed so they can learn, grow, and achieve their goals.
2. Be adaptable in all that we do, providing flexible options for their learning as well COVID-19-related accommodations.
3. Encourage their academic excellence and connection through access to academic services, resources, mental health support, and resilience-building activities.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

We truly are the people’s college in our region. In service to our region, we must do all that we can to reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Do your part when you:

1. Review our COVID-19 health and safety policies.
2. Get fully vaccinated or receive your booster shot as soon as possible.
   a. Vaccines and boosters are safe, free, and readily available.
   b. Find a vaccination clinic near you.
3. Prevent campus and community spread.
   a. Self-check for symptoms daily.
   b. Wear your face mask properly indoors. Our current policy mandates that you wear a face mask in the presence of others when you’re in your office, cubicle, or work station regardless of your and their vaccination status.
   c. Stay 6 feet (the length of a bicycle) away from others whenever possible.
   d. Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
   e. Review additional tips.
   f. Elect to hold meetings over Zoom or Teams when possible.
4. Report symptoms, exposures, and positive COVID-19 tests.
   a. Stay home if you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, been exposed to COVID-19, or tested positive for COVID-19.
   b. Report your illness immediately by calling 301-784-5061 or emailing covidreports@allegany.edu.

Our plans for the Spring 2022 may be adjusted due to the pandemic. I'll continue to reach out throughout the semester to update you. If there's anything you'd like me to address in a future email or if you have questions, please email me directly or speak with your Vice President/Supervisor.

With Warm regards,

Dr. Bambara