

Subject: Fall 2020 - We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome, Students!

We're honored you've chosen to attend ACM this fall. Learning at our campuses and education sites will be a different experience for you and all of us – your ACM family. We're dedicated to keeping you #ACMstrong. We know you may have questions, so we've tried to anticipate those and offer answers about what to expect. You can always email info@allegany.edu or call 301-784-5005 for information.

How do I self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19?

- ✓ All students are required to [self-monitor](#) for coronavirus/COVID-19 disease symptoms using guidance established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Individuals with symptoms are encouraged to contact their health care provider and refrain from coming to any ACM location.

What can I do if I need help on my first day?

- ✓ Stop by the Thomas Welcome Center. (The Welcome Center is located on the Cumberland Campus to the side of the College Library with entrance nearest the flagpoles.)
- ✓ Visit one of our Welcome Tables - Cumberland and Bedford County campuses.
- ✓ Check out the latest updates to our [Fall '20 plans](#) online.

What's required of me while I'm on campus?

- ✓ Be ready to learn in a new environment. Our priority is to deliver an excellent education while keeping you safe.
- ✓ Engage in social distancing at 6 feet – the width of a parking space or the height of a rhino.
- ✓ Wear a [face mask properly](#) while indoors or outside when physical distancing is not possible. Students can pick up a [free](#) ACM branded mask from a Welcome Table volunteer, Bedford County Campus Student Services, or ACM staff member at our Somerset Education Site, Bedford County Technical Center, Garrett County Nursing Site, or School of Hospitality Management and Culinary Arts.
 - Carry a face mask/covering with you at all times, even when you're outdoors.
 - Face masks/coverings are required in classrooms. Face coverings should be put on before entering buildings and not removed until exiting buildings (and then only if physical distancing is not possible).
 - Wash your reusable face mask/covering after wearing.
- ✓ Practice good hand hygiene by washing and sanitizing your hands frequently.
- ✓ Follow directional flow signs in our buildings.
- ✓ Sign-in prior to entering a classroom and any time you visit an office/department.
- ✓ Use disinfecting wipes (these are provided) to clean your desk or table.
- ✓ Be mindful of others – we're all in this together.

What if I need to connect to my virtual class while on campus?

- ✓ ACM established Zoom Rooms in the Zimmer Theatre in College Center and the Thomas Welcome Center lounge for students. Students at the Bedford County Campus in need of a place to virtually learn, may stop by Student Services for assistance.
- ✓ Practice physical distancing when taking advantage of these spaces.
- ✓ Wear a face mask/covering for the duration of class.
- ✓ Bring your own device and plug-in using earbuds.

These are challenging times, but we believe in your ability to learn and thrive. This is doable -- if we all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Remember, our faculty and staff are here to support you. Your success is our success!

Be safe. Be smart. Be successful.

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