

Good afternoon ACM Faculty and Staff,

I want to provide you with some updates related to the operational status of ACM. Governor Larry Hogan announced that, effective at 5 pm today, Maryland will begin Stage One of the 'Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery,' which includes moving from a Stay at Home order to a Safer at Home public health advisory. <https://governor.maryland.gov/2020/05/13/stage-one-governor-hogan-announces-gradual-reopenings-with-flexible-community-based-approach/>

After discussions with my leadership team and the 15 other Maryland Community College presidents earlier today, we are in agreement that our institutions are not ready to re-open to the public. However, please be assured that our leadership team is working tirelessly to develop the processes and procedures that will guide us when the time comes for ACM to reopen. We are researching and utilizing best practices from around the Country to ensure that we do this the right way while honoring the mission and values of our institution.

Allegany College of Maryland will continue with our current operational status through at least May 29, 2020. On or before May 29, I will provide you with additional details related to the reopening status of ACM.

Like other colleges across the nation, we can't anticipate every situation, but we are working to be proactive and we will address these evolving issues quickly throughout the summer months. I appreciate your patience as we strive to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire college community. Please monitor ACM's website at <https://www.allegany.edu/coronavirus/index.html> and your ACM email for continued updates.

Thank you for your cooperation during this challenging time.

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