

March 19, 2020 -- Update #8

Dear Vanguard Community,

In his afternoon press conference, Governor Hutchinson gave the following directive:

“I am directing that state employees will conduct business through telecommuting and on-site work. On-site work will be limited to personnel that’s necessary for the proper functioning of government.”

Following the press conference, ASU System President Chuck Welch held an ASU System staff meeting via conference call to provide further guidance and direction.

ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS CONTINUE THROUGH at least APRIL 3, 2020

As we announced on March 15, 2020, ASU-Beebe classes on all campuses have transitioned to alternative methods of instruction/remote learning until *at least Friday, April 3, 2020*.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Until further notice, all non-essential ASU-Beebe personnel will work remotely, and most ASU-Beebe services will be provided remotely through Zoom video conferencing, CANVAS, Skype, via phone call, etc.

Essential employees will be onsite at the college to the extent needed to maintain ASU-Beebe essential functions and operations until further notice. Other employees will only come to campus if their expertise is needed to ensure the continuation of our operations and essential functions.

Residence Halls will remain open for students who choose/need to remain in their secure housing. Food service will remain for those students in a grab and go fashion.

To continue to provide access to instruction and learning resources, our Library will remain open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays *for ASU-Beebe student access only*, operating under the enhanced protocol of social distancing. Abington Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday.

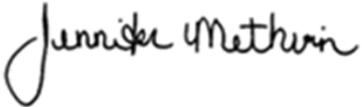
Our Advising and Learning Centers on the Beebe, Searcy, and Heber Springs campuses will also remain open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, *to provide essential services to ASU-Beebe students only*, again operating under the enhanced protocol. However, at this time, all advising and tutoring appointments will be conducted remotely until further notice.

DRIVE-UP WIFI

ASU-Beebe is participating in the Drive-Up Wi-Fi initiative with other Arkansas colleges and universities. Area students working on online or AMI coursework are invited to take advantage of guest Wi-Fi in the parking lot behind State Hall on the Beebe campus and in the parking lot at the Heber Springs campus. Guests are asked to remain in their vehicles.

STAY INFORMED

Please continue to reference our [Coronavirus Information Updates](#) page on our website. All updated or additional information for the Vanguard Community will be posted there. If you have immediate questions or concerns, please contact our information line at 501-882-4500 or email ASUBCares@asub.edu.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Methvin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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