

March 27, 2020

Vanguard Community,

As you are likely aware, state and federal health officials predict that coronavirus cases will continue to rise in our area over the next four to six weeks. To continue to do our part to mitigate this public health crisis, I am implementing the following additional measures at this time.

ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS THROUGH at least APRIL 17, 2020

ASU-Beebe course work on all campuses will continue to be delivered through alternative methods of instruction/remote learning until *at least Friday, April 17, 2020*.

For courses that require hands-on training specifically tied to an industry license exam or credential, we are developing an instructional plan for groups of no more than 10 to return to the appropriate ASU-Beebe campus to complete that piece of their course work. This plan will only apply to hands-on training laboratory sections specific to select Career and Technical Education programs, select Fine Arts programs, and Allied Health programs. The classroom portion of these programs will remain online. It is the laboratory piece of the instruction only that will apply. A clearly defined list of programs and courses will be provided soon. Students enrolled in the approved programs will be contacted by their program instructor to discuss scheduling options. Under all circumstances, faculty, staff, and students must follow Governor Asa Hutchinson and Health Secretary Smith's March 26, 2020, Directive on "[Limitation of Gatherings](#)." Our primary objective is to keep you safe while we minimize the negative impact on your educational experience.

ASUB SERVICES PROVIDED REMOTELY OR BY APPOINTMENT ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Until further notice, ASU-Beebe services will be provided remotely through Zoom video conferencing, CANVAS, Skype, via phone call, etc. The [ASUB Remote Services contact information page](#) is available to assist students who need access to services. In some circumstances, services by appointment will be made.

To continue to give access to instruction and learning resources, our Library on the Beebe campus will remain open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on week days *for ASU-Beebe student access only*, operating under the enhanced protocol based on Governor Asa Hutchinson and Health Secretary Smith's March 26, 2020, Directive on "[Limitation of Gatherings](#)." 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 computer access to ASU-Beebe students only*, again operating under the same enhanced protocol. However, all advising and tutoring appointments will be conducted remotely until further notice.

TESTING SERVICES

While the college continues to offer services to students remotely, the college is working to expand its testing services on each campus. The plan will follow the parameters outlined in Governor Hutchinson's directive on [Limitation of Gatherings](#) and target college and program specific entrance exams. The plan, if implemented, will require students and prospective students to schedule an appointment at a designated ASU-Beebe testing location to ensure proper social distancing measures can take place. In addition, we are reviewing our online test proctoring capabilities. Please stay tuned for more information about our Social Distancing Testing Plan and Final Exam Proctor Testing Plan.

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

We continue to be fortunate that we have no known cases of COVID 19 among ASU-Beebe faculty, staff or students, at this time. Faculty, staff and students are doing an incredible job of staying focused on health and safety while we continue to provide instruction. Today's additional steps are more proactive tools to help us navigate these uncertain times. As always, we are monitoring conditions and seeking guidance continually.

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.



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