



February 25, 2022
Vanguard Community,

Mask Mandate Rescinded

I am pleased to share that in the last two weeks, cases of COVID-19 have drastically declined in our service area and among the Vanguard Community on all campuses. Masks will be no longer required on the campuses of ASU-Beebe, effective today.

We will, as we did last summer, continue to support our employees, students, and guests who wear masks and practice social distancing. At this time, classroom capacities will remain as they are so that those who have a need to practice social distancing may do so.

Students and Employees Who Are Symptomatic or Ill from COVID-19

Protocols for those who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or who are positive with COVID-19 remain the same.

- Students and employees who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 will not come to campus and must complete the [COVID-19 Self-Reporting Form](#) on the [ASU Beebe Coronavirus Information](#) page. The Director of Human Resources or her designee will contact the employee once the form is received. Employees are also encouraged to notify their supervisors of the reason for the absence and to consult their healthcare providers. Students should contact their faculty members and consult their healthcare providers.
- Students and employees who have tested positive for COVID-19 may not return to campus until cleared to do so by Human Resources.

The updated **ASUB Classroom Protocols** will be available on Monday, February 28, 2022, on the [ASUB Coronavirus Information](#) page.

My thanks to every member of the Vanguard Community for your diligence with our protocols and your patience during these unprecedented times. I am grateful to each of you for all you have done to preserve in-person learning on the campuses of ASU-Beebe over the last two years.

Sincerely,
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