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Vanguard Community,

If you have been following the governor's press conferences and the [Arkansas Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#), you are aware that positive cases in Arkansas continue to be relatively high. As you can see from our [ASUB Dashboard](#), currently for the campuses of ASUB, we have 15 active positive cases among students living off-campus, with no current employee or residential student active cases. Our cumulative cases since August 24, 2020, are 35.

With 15 active cases, I wanted to remind the Vanguard Community how important it is to follow our [Academic Program and Learning Space Protocols](#). Currently, we see no pattern of spread among campus members or within our learning and living spaces. Our protocols are working, and I ask you to continue to be extra diligent with social distancing, mask wearing, and hygiene.

With cases in our communities and across Arkansas on the rise, I also want to encourage each of you to follow our public health officials' guidance when you are away from campus. How you act and what you do off-campus does impact the Vanguard Community in this public health crisis. If you gather in large groups, fail to wear a mask and social distance when in public, or forget to practice good hygiene, you are putting yourself and other members of our living and learning communities at risk for contracting and spreading the virus.

We have been successful in curtailing the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses to-date. Please help us continue to do so. Remember, *VanGUARD Your Health and Protect Others* – both on and off campus.

Thank you,



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