

## **ATU COVID-19 Management Plan**

The guidelines below align with current local, state, and national legislation, including guidance and best practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and the American College Health Association (ACHA). These guidelines are applicable to all students, staff, faculty, and visitors at ATU.

The guiding principles of this management plan are as follows:

- To best preserve the health and safety of the ATU campus community,
- To maintain ATU operations necessary to support mission critical activities
- To ensure adaptability as the public health situation evolves,
- To provide robust communications in an effort to promptly disseminate information to all ATU constituents, and;
- To encourage all members of the campus community to be involved in and responsible for doing their part to follow these guidelines.

This management plan is effective August 2, 2021, and will be updated as the public health situation evolves.

### **Current ATU COVID 19 Guidelines:**

1. Members of the ATU campus community should practice good hygiene, including:
  - a. Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or high-touch surfaces,
  - b. Avoid touching your face,
  - c. Sneeze or cough into the inside of your elbow,
  - d. Disinfect frequently used items or high-touch surfaces as much as possible, and;
  - e. Limit physical contact, i.e. avoid handshakes during greetings.
  - f. Wear a mask and practice social distancing recommendations by maintaining 6 feet of space when possible.
2. ATU employees and students are encouraged to be vaccinated for COVID-19.
3. ATU employees, working on the Russellville or Ozark campuses, must submit a Health Screening Form and follow subsequent instructions before reporting to work each day.
4. ATU students should perform a daily health self-screen before coming to campus.
5. Individuals who feel sick or have COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and not come to ATU for any reason, along with contacting and following the advice of their medical provider.
6. Individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms, who have been exposed to COVID-19, or who have been tested for COVID-19 should report this information to the ATU Health and Wellness Center staff by completing the online reporting form located at <https://www.atu.edu/hwc/> or calling 479-968-0329.

- a. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must remain in isolation until at least 72 hours have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvements in respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
  - b. Individuals awaiting test results should remain in isolation until test results are available.
  - c. Non-vaccinated individuals who learn they were in close contact, defined by the CDC as being within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the infected individual is isolated, should quarantine for 14 days.
  - d. Fully vaccinated individuals, those in which two weeks has passed since they received their final dose of a vaccine, should report their exposure to the Health and Wellness Center staff but are not required to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.
7. Masks are recommended for all individuals coming to the ATU campus, those vaccinated and unvaccinated for COVID-19.
8. When possible, individuals should maintain at least 6 feet of space from other individuals to meet social distancing recommendations.
9. Meetings and events may be conducted face-to-face but are limited in size. Gatherings inside of buildings is limited to 50 individuals or fewer. When possible, social distancing of 6 feet between individuals should be met. Special requests for university events may be made with the COVID task force. No non-university events will be hosted at this time.
10. Outside gatherings are not limited in size. Individuals gathering outside should practice good hygiene, including:
  - a. Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or high-touch surfaces
  - b. Avoid touching your face
  - c. Sneeze or cough into the inside of your elbow
  - d. Disinfect frequently used items or high-touch surfaces as much as possible
  - e. Limit physical contact, i.e. avoid handshakes during greetings
  - f. Wear a mask and practice social distancing recommendations by maintaining 6 feet of space when possible
11. ATU sanctioned domestic travel is permitted. Mask and social distancing recommendations should be followed when possible.
12. Monitor ATU COVID-19 website, OneTech, and email for updates to the public health situation.