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Greyhound Nation:

Arkansas continues to experience record numbers of positive cases of COVID-19, and we anticipate that this upward trend will continue over the next few weeks, due to travel, family gatherings, and other holiday-related activities. Thus, out of an abundance of caution for our campus community, ASU Mid-South has decided to start the Spring 2021 semester remotely for all classes, with the exception of those in our Aviation Maintenance Technology, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Phlebotomy, and Respiratory Therapy programs.

We hope that by reducing the number of individuals on campus at the beginning of the semester, we will help mitigate the risk to our campus community by providing a greater buffer between holiday activities and the start of in-person instruction.

The remote start to Spring 2021 classes will occur during the first two weeks of the semester, January 11 through January 22. During this time, students who are not in the aforementioned programs will attend their in-person classes remotely, using Canvas and/or other course-specific learning platforms. Please remember: students enrolled in courses in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, Phlebotomy, and Respiratory Therapy will still need to attend those classes in-person, as scheduled, during these first two weeks in order to meet licensure requirements.

High school students enrolled in the College's Secondary Technical Center courses or in concurrent General Education courses may choose to report to the Wilson Conference Center in Magruder Hall, room 108, on our South Campus, during their regularly scheduled class time in order to access the College's internet to complete their coursework. This space will be reserved to accommodate students who are unable to remain at home or on their high school campus during their regularly scheduled class time. Secondary Technical Center students enrolled in Certified Nursing Assistant, Emergency Medical Technician, or Phlebotomy courses will need to report to their assigned classes, as scheduled.

Please look for communication from your faculty in Canvas outlining your course expectations during these first two weeks of classes. Also, please note: you must attend, whether your class is meeting in-person or remotely, in order to remain enrolled beyond January 26th. Those who

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do not attend will be removed from the roll, with NO option to return to that class. For those classes meeting remotely, attendance is defined as logging into the course and completing the assignment(s) specified by your instructor.

It is more important than ever that we all adhere to the COVID protocols that are posted in our Return to Campus Guide posted on our website (https://www.asumidsouth.edu/coronavirus/) and in the ASU Mid-South app. Please continue to practice good respiratory and hand hygiene, maintain appropriate (6 feet minimum) physical distance from others, and mask up to protect yourself and others! Also, if you're in a technical program that requires close contact, wear your face shield! Perhaps most importantly, please remember to self-screen daily before coming to campus. The Daily Self Screening Questionnaire can be found online (https://www.asumidsouth.edu/daily-health-screening-questionnaire/) or in the app. Do it for yourself, and do it for others.

We've come a long way since last semester, but we can't let our guard down now. Stay safe, stay well, and best wishes for a successful semester!

Sincerely,

Debra West, Ph.D.

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Chancellor