

**University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville**  
**Administrative Cabinet Meeting**  
**August 11, 2021 / 3:30 p.m.**  
**Teams Online**

Members present were Dr. Anne Austin, Ms. Mandy Walker, Mr. Zach Perrine, and Dr. Brian Shonk. Cabinet recorder, Ms. Jodie Hightower, was also present.

Mr. Perrine called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**UACCB COVID-19 Plan** – Mr. Perrine reported that the UA Board of Trustees passed a new resolution requiring masks to be worn indoors when distancing cannot be ensured. Mr. Perrine said several UA schools have already issued statements outlining their plans. He spoke to Mr. Ted Hall, UACCB Board of Visitors chair, regarding the College's plan. He provided a document outlining his proposal for the campus which was modeled off University of Central Arkansas' statement.

Full Statement from UACCB below:

**UACCB Announces COVID-19 Mask Plan for Fall 2021**

*Requirement will change based on local CDC data*

August 11, 2021

The University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB) has announced it will be requiring students, employees, and visitors to wear masks inside buildings at the start of Fall 2021. The campus plan is designed to be quickly modified or removed based on Center for Disease Control (CDC) data.

"This is a small step we can take to help stop the spread of COVID-19, and ensure we can maintain in-person learning," interim chancellor Zach Perrine said.

The need for masks will be tied to CDC county data on the level of community spread. UACCB is adopting a "stop light" system based on weekly data. If the spread of COVID-19 is high or substantial, then that signifies a red light and masks are required. If the community spread is moderate, that is a yellow light and masks will only be encouraged. If the spread is low, this is a green light and masks will not be required. "We need the flexibility to keep people safe, but to also be ready for masks to not be necessary," Perrine noted.

"As a campus we have learned and continue to learn how to respond to COVID-19," Perrine said, "We are also fortunate to have guidance from the University of Arkansas System, state agencies, and the CDC. We also have great support from our local pharmacies and White River Health System. This is a team effort and we are focused on providing a quality learning environment for our students." Social distancing will be encouraged when possible. UACCB has held multiple vaccine clinics and will continue to provide opportunities for individuals to receive a vaccine.

UACCB is a comprehensive two-year community college serving Independence County and the surrounding communities with both transfer and career-technical programs. Students can complete their first two years of a bachelor's degree affordably and close-to-home, then transfer virtually anywhere. Students can also complete a credential in a variety of work-ready programs such as allied health, construction, welding, cosmetology, and more within a semester to one year. For more information call (870) 612-2000.

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The group discussed the need to communicate weekly with campus and discussed various channels to provide messaging including email, text, and the TVs in common areas.

Mr. Perrine provided a revised procedure 220.20. The original procedure was rescinded in May 2021. The group reviewed the revisions. Ms. Walker asked to clarify if visitors would be required to wear masks. She said if so, then she needs to inform Mr. Mark Cartwright, director of campus events, to notify all groups who reserve space on campus of this requirement. The group agreed the policy applies to everyone on campus.

*Mr. Perrine moved to accept and adopt the revised procedure. Ms. Walker seconded and the motion passed.*

Mr. Perrine will email campus with the resolution, procedure and announcement. Ms. Hightower will post the procedure to the internal website and post the announcement on the uacsb.edu website and put an alert on the website as well. Mr. Perrine will share the announcement on social media.

Mr. Perrine said he expects to receive the matched registry list from the health department and Arkansas Division of Higher Education soon. He said it is important to encourage vaccinations. He will continue providing weekly interim updates and Ms. Hightower will provide weekly COVID updates to campus.

**Kick-Off Meeting Thursday, August 12, 2021** – The group discussed the agenda and order of speakers for the event. Mr. Perrine will send an outline to the group. This meeting will be both in-person and virtual.

**Other business** – Dr. Shonk said Ms. Stephanie Baker, director of cosmetology, said she was notified by the Arkansas Department of Health Cosmetology Section that schools may now provide up to 50% of their program online. This is not due to COVID-19. This is a general change in the program. Dr. Shonk said this could help students by providing more flexibility to them.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jodie Hightower.*