



Dear student:

Atlanta University Center Consortium member institutions are looking forward to welcoming groups of students back to our campuses this spring. Like you, we are more than ready to resume our traditions, connections, and commitment to each other. In fact, because of that commitment, we have made some important changes to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Implementing these changes makes possible the opportunity to resume much of campus life safely. Here's what to expect:

- Tests won't just be in class: Getting a COVID-19 test can reassure you and other students that you do not have the virus and that others who are also being tested aren't spreading the virus to you. That's why you will need to take a COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours prior to moving-in and another test (self-administered) after you arrive. There will also be additional testing during the semester, much of which you will do yourself.
- Protecting yourself and others: We are depending on you to do your part to protect yourself and others by wearing masks, washing and sanitizing your hands, and distancing yourself from others. You'll be able to use your cell phone to log how you feel every day. There will also be changes in gathering sizes and movement on and between campuses. We'll need you to pledge to do your part.
- Starting safe: Once you move in, there will be a five day "Pause and Prepare" period during which everyone stays separated so we can be extra certain that no cases of COVID-19 have made their way onto campus. Take this time to practice self-care, rest up, and get ready for the semester.
- New facilities: You'll have access to a brand new, state of the art health and wellness center, which includes a YMCA, new technology, and facilities to address physical health and mental wellness needs.

Even in the midst of an international pandemic, we expect AUC students to be a national model of excellence, as always. Please remain thoughtful, aware, and flexible, and understand that the evolving public health situation may lead us to change our approaches and requirements. Let's get ready for a semester to remember.

Warmest regards,

Atlanta University Center Consortium, Inc.