

UAMS Academic Affairs Policy – 1.5.2



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PURPOSE

This policy provides direction when UAMS implements an emergency response to a significant outbreak of an infectious disease or a public health emergency as declared by Federal or State of AR.

SCOPE

All active UAMS students.

POLICY

During a significant outbreak of an infectious disease or a public health emergency as declared by Federal or State of AR, to minimize the spread of the disease, the UAMS Executive Committee may implement safety provisions impacting the UAMS workforce which includes students. UAMS students may be required to wear face masks and practice other preventative measures designed to limit the spread of illnesses, at all UAMS locations and other learning and training sites.

If directed by the UAMS Executive Committee or the Provost, students in non-patient care areas must wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth. Face masks may not have patterns or messages inconsistent with UAMS policy. Routine laundry is essential for cloth face masks – daily washing is recommended.

Students who work in direct patient care areas will be required to wear designated medical face masks and additional personal protective equipment. UAMS students are expected to adhere to current UAMS policies for preventative measures during all learning/training activities at

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UAMS and non-UAMS affiliated training sites. If an affiliated training site has more restrictive preventative measures requirements, the more restrictive will be followed. Additional guidance regarding face masks and other preventative measures may be provided at the direction of UAMS Senior Leadership.

Non-compliance with this Policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Students that are unable to comply with these requirements may request an accommodation following Academic Affairs policy 2.2.5.

REFERENCES

Admin Guide 3.3.01 Safety Guidelines During Public Health Emergencies
Academic Affairs 2.2.5 Student Accommodation Policy