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Will I be able to return to a Campus or Center to teach and hold office hours?

Yes. In spring 2020, the UMA Provost announced that all UMA instructors would have the option of teaching fall 2020 classes remotely if they so choose. Therefore, faculty may not need to come on campus in the fall unless in-person course delivery is necessary.

Classrooms will be reconfigured to ensure physical distance, and safeguards, such as plexiglass shields may be installed. Classrooms might be changed to a larger space to accommodate physical distancing; courses might need to be staggered — that is, half of the students attend one week and half the next week to minimize physical contact; some portion of the course may be conducted remotely, creating in effect a blended course. The instructional designers in UMA's Faculty Development Center can help faculty think through how to effectively achieve course outcomes while shifting the course logistics in order to keep everyone safe.

Before the term begins, faculty should contact their students in all courses to let them know about course modality plans. Please remember that courses may have been listed in a modality that has changed, and students will need to be informed before the term starts.

What will I need to do to keep myself and others safe while on Campus or at a Center?

Policies concerning physical presence on campus are evolving, but everyone can expect that access to all buildings may be limited. Before coming to campus, everyone should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and stay home if exhibiting symptoms, feeling ill, or if exposed to someone who is ill or has tested positive for COVID-19.

Most importantly, everyone will be required to wear a face covering. UMA will provide all employees with two washable face coverings for use at UMA locations. Those working alone in their offices may remove face coverings, however, face coverings must be used in public spaces and when interacting with other people. While at UMA locations, physical distancing must be maintained.

UMA will have in place protocols for testing and tracing anyone who may have been exposed or tested positive for COVID-19.

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