

COVID-19 COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021
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Rhonda St. Columbia provided a meeting update sharing that the College had no cases of COVID-19 reported during the last couple of weeks.

Kim Kirby reported on the Phase IV Report and said that the College would reopen slowly. Initially, the group had suggested small college events couple take place after March 31. However, a report from Dr. Pinchback from the University of Arkansas System said that open operations should be after July 1.

Dr. King shared Dr. Pinch back's note which provided the University of Arkansas Actions.

UA System Office Expectations After Mask Mandate Is Reduced to a Guideline

1. Back to normal concerning all COVID practices for the Fall. Masks can be worn but that is the choice of the individual for the fall term.
2. On campus events will be conducted according to CDC Guidelines but activities, sporting events will be back to "normal".
3. For the present time, the mask mandate will continue through the end of June. This means that PT House, Hendrix and GPC will be open after July 1 or when renovations are complete for the PT House and GPC. No events until on or after July1.

The group discussed this and it was felt that college activities were allowed as long as masks were worn, groups were kept small, and social distancing was practiced. All safety protocols will remain in place until after July 1.

Debbie Hardy provided the Hope Center #Real College 2021: Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic

3. The Hope Center Survey-Debbie Hardy

This will be a college report for PCCUA based on input from our students titled "Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic". The report is very informative and we had a high response rate from our student population.

Here is the link for the 2020 #Real College Survey: Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic Report from the Hope Center.

PCCUA institutional report is [linked here](#).

Here is the review taken from the front page about what we learned.

Students at Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas told us that...

- 63% experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity, including.
- 41% experienced food insecurity in the 30 days prior to being surveyed.
- 57% experienced housing insecurity in the previous year.
- 16% experienced homelessness in the previous year.
- 31% had a close friend or family member who was sick with COVID-19, while 5% were sick with COVID-19 themselves.
- 35% of our students exhibited at least moderate anxiety and 29% experienced depression.
- 11% of students experienced basic needs insecurity and used emergency aid, but 47% had not heard of emergency aid programs on campus.
- 54% of the students experiencing basic needs insecurity did not apply for campus supports because they did not know how.
- 72% of students experiencing basic needs insecurity received some form of public assistance.

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS REPORT

Other information shared included noted from the Arkansas Department of Health.

CORONAVIRUS NOTES FROM ADH

What's Changed

If you've been fully vaccinated:

You can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask.

You can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives who all live together) without masks, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms. However, if you live in a group setting (like a correctional or detention facility or group home) and are around someone who has COVID-19, you should still stay away from others for 14 days and get tested, even if you don't have symptoms.

What Hasn't Changed

For now, if you've been fully vaccinated:

You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

Take these precautions whenever you are:

In public

- Gathering with unvaccinated people from more than one other household
- Visiting with an unvaccinated person who is at increased risk of severe illness or death from COVID-19 or who lives with a person at increased risk
- You should still avoid medium or large-sized gatherings.
- You should still delay domestic and international travel. If you do travel, you'll still need to follow CDC requirements and recommendations.
- You should still watch out for symptoms of COVID-19, especially if you've been around someone who is sick. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested and stay home and away from others.

You will still need to follow guidance at your workplace.

What We Know and What We're Still Learning

We know that COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing COVID-19 disease, especially severe illness and death.

We're still learning how effective the vaccines are against variants of the virus that causes COVID-19. Early data show the vaccines may work against some variants but could be less effective against others.

We know that other prevention steps help stop the spread of COVID-19, and that these steps are still important, even as vaccines are being distributed.

We're still learning how well COVID-19 vaccines keep people from spreading the disease. Early data show that the vaccines may help keep people from spreading COVID-19, but we are learning more as more people get vaccinated.

We're still learning how long COVID-19 vaccines can protect people. As we know more, CDC will continue to update our recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people.

Until we know more about those questions, everyone — even people who've had their vaccines — should continue taking basic prevention steps when recommended.

Want to learn more about these recommendations? Read our expanded Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People, and corresponding Science Brief, and recommendations for healthcare providers.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

Taken from the Arkansas Department of Health Website.