



We know you are concerned and have questions about managing sickness, should it occur. At the moment, we are continuing with the semester as usual, and it is important to note that we already have a protocol in place for regular illnesses. Anyone who feels ill should practice self-isolation and see a physician if illness is concerning and/or prolonged.

-We encourage anyone with symptoms of flu to see their physician or visit an urgent care center. These symptoms include coughing, sneezing, and shortness of breath and/or a temperature above 100.4 degrees F.

-UMES is committed to honoring all health provider notes regarding documented absences.

-We encourage the campus community to use safe practices: Wash hands frequently, cover their noses and mouths when sneezing/coughing and get plenty of rest.

-It will take all of our efforts to keep our environments clean. Wipe surfaces with disinfectant products.

-We are encouraging faculty members to keep Blackboard sites for each class complete and ready to be used in place of face-to-face classes, if that becomes necessary. We hope this will also help students who may not be able to attend face-to-face class if they are ill. Thank you for your continued engagement and involvement this semester. We will continue to update you as the COVID-19 situation develops.

Be well,

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