



Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering

LAUNCH 2020: School Entry Plan

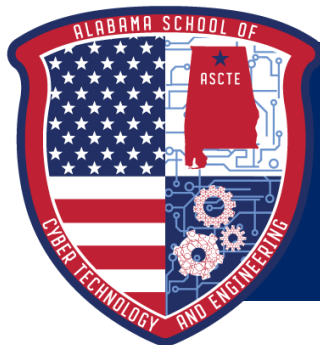
Overview

To minimize risks and promote health and safety related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering (ASCTE) considered strategies of all kinds, including but not limited to COVID-19 testing measures, enhanced cleaning, modified classroom procedures, modified housing policies, increased security, personal hygiene and wellness programs.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a dynamic situation that continues to evolve, and our response will inevitably evolve as well. Therefore, we will update the research plan and develop guidelines and protocols as necessary to continue to ensure the campus community's health and safety.

Five Guiding Principles in Successful Opening of School

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| 1 | Safety | ASCTE will strive to maintain the safety of students |
| 2 | Listen | ASCTE will listen to stakeholders & public health experts |
| 3 | Communicate | ASCTE will be transparent in communicating plans to parents and stakeholders |
| 4 | Equitable | ASCTE will be equitable to fulfill the School's mission of high levels of learning for all students |
| 5 | Nimble | ASCTE will use the most up to date information and adapt to changing circumstances using available accommodations |



Level of Spread & Accommodations

ASCTE will make necessary accommodations based on the level of spread

MINIMAL SPREAD

7-day percentages of positive cases of ASCTE students is
0-5%

Accommodations:

- Practicing Prevention*
- Screening at home/dorm
- Facial coverings encouraged
- Follow local and state ordinances

MODERATE SPREAD

7-day percentages of positive cases of ASCTE students is
6-20%

Accommodations:

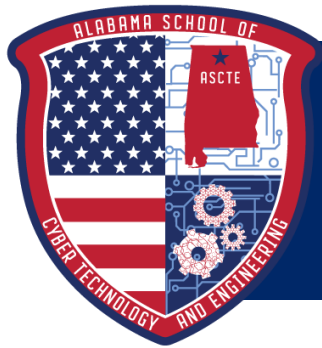
- Enhanced prevention
- Screening at home/dorm
- Daily temperature checks
- Facial coverings encouraged
- Follow local and state ordinances

SUBSTANTIAL SPREAD

7-day percentages of positive cases of ASCTE students is
20%+

Accommodations:

- Transition to virtual learning for all students
- Return to school in 14 calendar days
- Follow local and state ordinances



Practicing Prevention*



Temperature Checks

Commuting Students

ASCTE encourages families to begin a daily check of the temperature of any student before they leave home. Commuter students will have temperature checks by ASCTE staff prior to the school day starting, typically at drop-off. Any student who has a temperature above 100° will not be allowed to attend school.

Residential Students

Residential students will be checked in the lobby of Peterson Hall (residential) before walking to Stafford Hall (academic). If the student has a temperature above 100°, the student will not be allowed to attend classes, and efforts will be made to quarantine the student in the residential hall.



Screening at Home/Dorm

For commuting students, home is the first point of screening for symptoms. Families are encouraged to self-report to the school and keep students at home if they exhibit symptoms of illness.

Residential students will screen in the dorm. Students exhibiting symptoms of illness will not be allowed to attend classes and efforts will be made to quarantine the student in the residential hall.



Physical Distancing

Maintaining an appropriate physical distance between persons is another method that may be employed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, according to both CDC and ADPH. ASCTE will make efforts to maintain appropriate physical distance when possible.

ASCTE has reduced and limited class sizes to encourage physical distancing among the students and staff. Desks and chairs may be oriented in straight lines toward the front of the classroom to reduce the opportunity of viral transmittance. Instructors may have clear barriers placed in the front of classrooms to help prevent viral transmittance during instruction. Students may eat lunch in the classroom to encourage social distancing.



Face Coverings

Facial coverings are one effective method to reduce the spread of COVID-19 by both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH).

- Follow Madison County & State Ordinance requiring face coverings
- Students should wear face coverings in common areas of the residence hall when large groups of students assemble but are not required to wear them in their dorm rooms.
- ASCTE will provide face coverings to all students and staff



Sanitation

Proper cleaning and sanitization are essential tools to kill viruses that are present on surfaces and, thus, reduce the spread of infection.

Additionally, proper hand washing and the use of hand sanitizers is also a tool to kill viruses and remove them from the environment, thus, reducing the spread of infection.

ASCTE custodial staff will clean hallways, bathrooms, and classrooms with disinfectant. Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the residential and academic buildings.



Additional Notes

Academics

Faculty will work with students to ensure that proper instruction is available, and students have a reasonable time frame to complete coursework. Industry visits will occur based upon the approval of the companies and organizations with whom ASCTE will partner.

Residential Life

If a student is suspected of having a potentially infectious disease, the following steps will be taken.

- Contact the parents and make them aware of the situation.
- Follow medical advice for who needs immediate relocation (i.e., roommates) while a suspected case is being tested
- Provide alternative living arrangements in Peterson Hall while the suspected case is under isolation and receiving testing.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 further quarantine steps will be taken:

- Invite parents to pick up students to stay at home during the time of sickness
- Continue quarantine in a separate room in Peterson Hall
- Meal delivery to the student by ASCTE staff
- Coordinate with ASCTE leadership team to meet other needs
- Provide access to the residential space for cleaning and disinfecting as directed by ASCTE/Oakwood University leadership
- Coordinate outreach to individuals and residential communities as needed
- Provide daily updates (or as needed) to students living in the community
- Assist with the coordination of a floor/community meeting with medical professionals

Extracurricular Activities & Athletics

All clubs, activities, and trips will follow appropriate social distancing and face covering recommendations. ASCTE staff and faculty will monitor clubs for their size, activities, and physical proximity to one another. Some activities or clubs may be delayed, modified, or canceled per the recommendations of ASCTE leadership or CDC/ADPH guidelines



Concerned about COVID-19 at ASCTE?

Use the flowchart below to see ASCTE's plan for COVID-19 response.

People at risk for COVID-19 usually have both **SYMPTOMS** and **EXPOSURE**.

