These changes are important because according to the CDC, currently there is no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 and the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

Everyone will be expected to wear masks when in public and do their part to stop the spread of illness.

Social Distancing | Face Masks
Scheduled Appointments
Sneeze Guards | Enhanced Cleaning

Social Distancing will be expected in both private and public places.

A BRAVE START

Alcorn State University.

Increased cleaning practices in public spaces as well as higher expectations on cleaning personal spaces & items.

Access to buildings will be modified & monitored in an attempt to stop the spread of illness.

More virtual interactions in programming, activities, meetings, organization meetings, learning, and advising, etc.
WHAT DOES THE COVID-19 MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY SIGN MEAN?

• To ensure proper social distancing no more than the number of individuals shown on the sign may be in this space at one time.
• The signs will be located at the entrance of classrooms, offices, elevators, and common spaces.
• It is important to adhere to the signs, because the CDC states “keeping space between you and others is one of the best tools we have to avoid being exposed…and slowing its spread locally and across the country and world.”

HOW IS THE SPACE BEING KEPT SAFE?

• The university is focused on providing a clean environment.
• All high contact and frequently touched spaces are being regularly cleaned by Alcorn staff on a daily basis.
• Sneeze guards will be placed throughout campus to provide added protection.
• Sanitation stations are being provided in areas such as the departments, rec center, computer labs, athletic training spaces, the bowling alley, and game room with the expectation that users will clean after each use of a device or apparatus.
• Modifications may be made to doors to allow for touch-free opening and closing.
• Access to spaces will be modified using appointments & queuing systems.

HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF?

• Things such as wearing a mask, washing hands, covering sneezes/coughs, avoiding sharing devices, & keeping as clean as possible can help you avoid spreading COVID-19.
• If you are sick, you should stay home.
• If you are alerted of a temperature, you should return to your home and call the Campus Health Center at 601-877-6460 immediately.
• Hand sanitizers will be located throughout campus; but remember you should wash your hands after every 3 uses of hand sanitizer. So wash your hands often.
• While on campus, you will be expected to wear a mask.
• If you are in a private setting and not wearing a mask, remember to cover your coughs and sneezes.
• Adhere to the social distancing markers located around campus which may require you to plan ahead and leave early to enter buildings.
• Clean your frequently touched items (electronics, phones, glasses, laptops, etc.) and avoid sharing them with others.
• Clean your private spaces often to prevent the spread of disease.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

• Social Distancing means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home.
• You will be asked to stay at least 6 feet from other people, not to gather in groups of more than 10 and avoid mass gatherings.
• Social distancing will be expected in both public and private spaces on campus like elevators, offices, dorm rooms and apartments.
• Spaces on campus have been rated to determine the maximum number of people allowed at one time and signs are posted at each entrance. Please adhere to all signage.
• Changes in how you use campus dining, gyms, computer labs, and lounges have changed to adhere to proper social distancing.
• Some spaces have had furniture removed or moved to ensure proper social distancing.
• Scheduled appointments will be required for meetings in offices with university staff and administrators.
• Individuals will be asked to use the stairs instead of the elevator to leave it for use by those who require it for mobility.
• Some activities will be modified or canceled due to an inability to safely social distance while engaging.
• This is important because the CDC states “COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact for a prolonged period and although the risk of severe illness may be different for everyone, anyone can get and spread COVID-19.”