

UMHB Reopens Campus for Summer Classes

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UMHB Students,

Governor Greg Abbott announced on May 18 that Texas schools may reopen campuses beginning June 1 for summer school and other activities. UMHB will reopen its campus in a phased approach with specific health and safety protocols in place to protect our students, faculty, and staff.

For the Summer I term, the majority of courses will be offered online. Certain undergraduate (Biology labs, Chemistry labs, and Exercise Science skills-based classes) and graduate (Health Sciences) courses in Summer I will be conducted face-to-face. Students in those selected courses will be notified by their instructors through Canvas that the course will meet face-to-face.

For the Summer II term, courses will be offered in the format originally scheduled, with a majority of classes offered in person on campus.

For courses that overlap both Summer I and Summer II, students will be contacted individually regarding the mode of course delivery.

If you have not yet enrolled in summer courses, there's still time! Contact the Center for Academic Excellence at (254) 295-4475 to explore our summer course offerings.

UMHB's Safe Return to Campus program will have robust health and safety protocols in place that align with federal, state, and local health officials' guidance. It will be important that all students follow these protocols consistently.

Core elements will include proper social distancing (6 feet or more) whenever possible. Most summer classrooms will be configured to allow for at least 6 feet of social distancing. Other core elements will include frequent hand sanitizing, avoidance of crowds and lines, and enhanced cleaning measures. Additional protocols will be in place for areas such as campus housing, dining facilities, laboratories, and certain classes where social distancing may not be feasible.

Masks will be mandatory in some areas, so students should plan to return to campus with at least two cloth face coverings. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention information can be found [here](#).

The complete Safe Return to Campus program will be posted on the UMHB website next week, and you will receive an email soon with more information.

Working together as a campus community, we look forward to a safe reopening of our campus. An announcement will be made soon regarding our plans for welcoming our students back to campus for the Fall semester.

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President