



May 4, 2020

RE: UMA Clearwater initiates a small-scale return to campus.

Dear Clearwater Students,

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought numerous changes and a great deal of uncertainty and stress for many. Your flexibility and your commitment to your education and to the healthcare field has allowed us to continue to provide instruction while adhering to social distancing recommendations and safer at home orders. While UMA's faculty and staff are grateful to be able to engage with you during live lessons and within the online courseroom, we have missed having you on campus immensely. We also recognize that many of the competencies you will need to be successful in your field cannot be sufficiently taught, practiced, or assessed online. With this in mind, UMA Clearwater will initiate a small-scale return to campus for specific students, faculty and staff beginning in May.

Time on campus will be used to complete final competency assessments for skills that can only be completed in the laboratory setting and to provide opportunities for students at the point of externship to earn externship hours through a simulated externship experience. Program Directors will be reaching out to students and externs individually to discuss schedules.

Campus Safety

All local and CDC safety precautions will be followed. All individuals seeking to return to campus will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 using a health questionnaire and temperature scan. Individuals indicating symptoms or exposure to COVID-19 within the last 14 days will not be granted access to the campus. Specifically, the following questions will be asked each day prior to being granted access to the campus:

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Have you been exposed to, had close contact with, or cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?
- Have you experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days including: fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory problem (including periods of time when an otherwise elevated temperature was reduced through medication)?
- Has anyone in your household exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 or experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days (fever, cough, shortness of breath or other respiratory problem)?



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Students and staff are asked to self-assess using the COVID-19 screening questions and should not travel to campus if the answer to any of the questions is “yes”. Students should notify his/her Program Director if he/she will not be attending scheduled laboratory sessions.

All individuals granted access to the campus are required to wear a mask at all times. Social distancing recommendations will be followed at all times with laboratory sessions scheduled for groups of 10 or less people to allow for appropriate social distancing within the laboratory.

All students will be provided a washable, fabric mask which they will keep and wear as part of their uniform consistent with CDC recommendations. Students completing clinical skills which require close proximity to another individual (e.g., vitals) will be provided additional personal protective gear including medical masks, gloves, and gowns as appropriate.

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we have taken time to make informed, thoughtful decisions about our return to campus. While the pandemic has certainly changed a lot of things, UMA's commitment to our mission to equip and empower students to excel in healthcare careers remains as strong as ever. We look forward to moving forward together and look forward to seeing you on campus again soon. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your program director, Fidel Johnson, or to me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rebecca K. Sarlo'.

Dr. Rebecca Sarlo, PhD

Campus Director, UMA Clearwater