



# Utah Military Academy

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Dear UMA cadets and families,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer. We are looking forward to seeing returning and new cadets for Plebe week, August 16th through the 19th. Each campus will communicate specifics about that week and our 2nd week of school (the week of August 23rd). Even with COVID still creating issues, we have opted to push ahead with in-person classes and simply ask that as the state requires us to take actions such as masking up or others, that you cooperate with us so we can stick with in-person efforts. Additionally, especially for families concerned about preexisting health concerns, we do have an online effort that may serve you better. Please click [HERE](#) if you prefer online classes and would like to set up a meeting about online options.

The Hill Field campus will continue to work with the Weber-Morgan Health Department and the Camp Williams campus will work with the Utah County Health Department to make sure we keep everyone as healthy as possible. Additionally, as the Governor’s task force and the Utah State Board of Education provide directives, we will abide by those. Having online options will help during such a time so that we do not lose valuable instructional time. Even more critically, online will allow us to keep people healthy.

Accordingly, based on House Bill 294 (passed in the 2021 legislative session), when either of our campuses hits a threshold 30 cadets and staff, we will conduct a Test to Stay even where cadets and staff will be tested. To reiterate what this means:

- Parents/guardians must give approval for cadets to be tested; cadets not tested will need to go home.
- Anyone testing positive will need to go home to quarantine.
- Cadets and staff who are fully vaccinated will not be subject to Test to Stay testing.
- Anyone who has had COVID within 90 days of the testing event will not need to be tested.
- The campus will remain open if the positive testing rate is below the 30 individual positive test results.

This same House Bill 294 eliminated all mask mandates that had been established over time. While face masks are not required at UMA, cadets and faculty may wear one if they choose to do so. Additionally, both campuses will continue to do an extra level of cleaning to safeguard against the potential spread of this or other viruses. With vaccinations being available for those 12 and older, but are not required based on family preference. Based on directives and suggested actions from the previously mentioned state agencies, UMA recommends that adults be vaccinated. However, it is not required for cadets or adults at this time.

All of this said, UMA does strongly urge cadets and adults who are feeling sick, especially symptoms associated with any flu or other illness, to stay home and get better. Teachers will work with cadets who are out due to illnesses and other emergencies and family needs.



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UMA leadership urges everyone at and away from our campuses to continue to exercise the hygiene etiquette established in the early days of this pandemic. Washing hands, sanitizing hands and work areas, and sneezing or coughing into a sleeve are still the rule of thumb to help prevent the spread of germs and viruses. Federal and State monies were made available last year and helped UMA keep everyone as safe as possible which will continue into the coming year to an extent.

According to the Center for Disease Control, people with COVID and any additional variants have had a wide range of symptoms reported. These have been from mild to extreme versions of the following that may appear anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever or chills
- Cough; sneezing; congestion or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches; Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting; Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms, but is a helpful guide. Older adults and other people who have underlying medical conditions seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications.

If a cadet has been in proximity to someone testing positive, you have three options:

- (1) Quarantine for 10 days (including weekends) and return to school.
- (2) Quarantine for 7 days and get a rapid test; negative results means they can return to school.
- (3) Attend school and wear a mask for five school days. Symptoms arising means they stay home.

While athletics and other activities are vital for secondary students, UMA is awaiting what the Utah High School Activities Association will require for various seasons. As soon as that information is available, it will be shared. UMA leadership asks that cadets practice healthfulness by getting sufficient rest and nutrition, follow personal hygiene etiquette, sanitize work areas, and avoid unnecessary situations.

We appreciate that each cadet has been entrusted to us and we look forward to working together in a safe and healthy way to support cadet success.

Best always,

The Utah Military Academy System and Campus Leadership teams  
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