



MEMORANDUM

TO: UAPB Administrators, Faculty, Staff, and Students

FROM: Janet P. Broiles, Chief of Staff

DATE: Tuesday, January 27, 2026

SUBJECT: CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Virtual Operations on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2026

As we navigate the challenges posed by recent winter weather, the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff remain our highest priority. To allow Facilities Management and municipal transportation departments additional time to clear campus thoroughfares and improve regional road conditions, **the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will continue to operate virtually on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.**

We sincerely appreciate your continued patience and flexibility as we work to restore full on-campus operations.

Academic & Business Operations

- **Instruction:** Faculty and students will conduct all classes via virtual modalities. Please check your university email or learning management system for specific coursework instructions from your professors.
- **Operations:** University business operations will be handled remotely. Employees should coordinate with their direct supervisors regarding specific remote responsibilities.
- **Critical Personnel:** Employees designated as Critical Personnel (including Campus Police, Technical Services, Facilities Management, and Dining Services) should contact their supervisors for reporting instructions. **All other employees should remain off-campus at this time.** While Facilities Management is working diligently to clear walkways and overhangs, their primary focus remains on high-traffic areas surrounding residence halls and dining facilities.

Residential Hall Services

- **Trash Pickup:** Due to hazardous road conditions, trash collection is currently delayed. Please ensure all waste is placed securely **inside** dumpsters to avoid attracting wildlife.
- **Dining Services:** Operating hours have been modified for the safety of students and staff. For the most current schedule, please visit uapb.campusdish.com. Unfortunately, the L.A. Davis Dining Hall is experiencing heating issues. Armark has 'Grab-and-Go' options for students to take back to their residence halls.



If you must be on campus (**Critical Personnel or Residential Students**), please remain vigilant of the following hazards:

- **Falling Ice:** As temperatures fluctuate, ice buildup on rooftops, ledges, and trees will melt and fall. These "ice missiles" are extremely dangerous. **Walk at least 10–15 feet away from building perimeters.**
- **Restricted Areas:** Do not cross yellow caution tape or enter cordoned-off zones beneath overhangs.
- **Stay Alert:** Avoid wearing headphones while walking outdoors so you can hear the sound of shifting ice or snow above you.
- **Black Ice:** Expect thin, nearly invisible patches of ice, especially in shaded areas and on stairways. Wear high-traction footwear, use handrails, and utilize the "**Penguin Walk**" (short, shuffling steps with your weight centered over your feet).

Travel & Attendance

While campus safety is our priority, we cannot assess the specific road conditions in your local area.

- **Employees:** Once in-person operations resume, you must notify your direct supervisor if you are unable to safely report to campus.
- **Commuting Students:** Please use sound judgment. If you determine it is unsafe to travel, you are responsible for promptly contacting your instructors to discuss missed coursework.

Stay Informed

We will continue to monitor weather developments. Please consult official sources for the latest updates:

- **Web:** uapb.edu
- **Social Media:** Official UAPB Facebook, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter) accounts.
- **Media:** Local television and radio stations.

Reminder: Register for [RAVE Alerts](#)

We strongly encourage all students, faculty, and staff to register for the RAVE Alert system. This is the fastest way to receive critical updates, including weather closures and safety notifications, via text and email. Please ensure your contact information is up to date.