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Dear AUB Community,

On behalf of the newly formed AUB's Vaccination Working Group (VAX-WG) and of the Expert Committee on COVID-19, we are here to give you a first update about the upcoming vaccination campaign for the AUB community.

As President Khuri announced on [April 19](#), AUB led a consortium of university medical centers that secured the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in order to safely open campuses for the fall 2021 term. The AUB allocation of 90,000 vaccine doses will be available for free to all students, faculty, and staff, as well as unvaccinated members of our employees' households and close family.

Our campaign is scheduled to start this Saturday (June 12, 2021) at the vaccination center at AUBMC/ACC building between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm and will continue during summer months of June, July and August 2021, with the aim of vaccinating all eligible students, faculty, staff, and households. The AUB leadership has decided that only vaccinated students, faculty, and staff will be allowed to enter campus next term and until further notice.

This week, the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) delivered an initial batch, which we will administer first among faculty, staff, and students who need to carry out essential activities—i.e. teaching/attending courses, working—on campus (and AREC) during the summer semester; priority will also be given to those who have chronic medical conditions and those that need to travel abroad this summer.

To better design a campaign that will serve the needs and meet the expectations of our community, we have prepared a quick survey (<https://forms.office.com/r/gkw8ajQK6s>), which will help us in prioritizing and scheduling the vaccines.

The vaccination process

To receive the vaccine you will have to:

- 1) Register on the Covax MOPH platform (<https://covax.moph.gov.lb/impactmobile/vaccine>). Those who do not register on the MOPH platform cannot receive the vaccine.
- 2) Check your email to be informed about your scheduled appointment for the vaccine.

Please continue to practice social distancing, wearing a mask, and thorough hand hygiene after your vaccination as you may continue to be able to carry and transmit COVID-19 even if you are prevented from become ill yourself.

In the following days and weeks, we will provide additional details about the plan to vaccinate eligible family members of faculty and staff and their households, and new and international students coming to AUB in the fall. If you have any questions, please email us at vaxwg@aub.edu.lb.

Thank you for your attention and we are looking forward to the reopening of a new academic year with our community safe and protected by the vaccination campaign.

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