

August 6, 2021

Dear AUB Students,

On April 19, 2021, the President [wrote to the community](#) announcing AUB's vaccination drive and the plan to resume in-person academic life on the AUB campus in the fall term. You have been receiving weekly updates from the [Vaccination Working Group](#), and the campaign is progressing well.

We are placing the health of our community at the forefront of our planning. We will be proceeding with preparations for a safe return to on-campus activities in the fall term based on the following guidelines:

1. The return to campus will include in-person academic and co-curricular experiences for all students.
2. Exams, labs, studios, rotations, seminars and workshops will take place in-person on campus throughout the fall term.
3. For lectures, the return to campus will be gradual with instruction given online during September 2021 and with increasing instruction taking place primarily on campus and in-person starting in October 2021.
4. During the fall term, student housing will be operating at a capacity close to 70%, indoor and outdoor working spaces will be available to all students, food services will be provided at different locations across campus, and libraries and sports facilities will be open to the community.
5. If you are currently outside the country, you should be making preparations to return to Lebanon before the start of classes on August 30, 2021.
6. Starting on August 23, 2021, access to campus will be restricted to students, faculty and staff who have received at least one dose of the vaccine and are scheduled to take their second dose (for those who are taking a multiple dose vaccine).
7. If you are not yet vaccinated, you should be making arrangements as soon as possible to take your dose or doses.
 - a. All continuing and new students have been invited to take the vaccine at the AUBMC vaccination center free of charge, and should book their appointments by following the instructions at this [link](#).
 - b. If you received the vaccine somewhere other than the AUBMC vaccination center, you are required to submit your immunization certificate to the [Vaccination Working Group](#) as soon as possible and before August 20, 2021 to be able to access campus.
 - c. The database of vaccinated students will be used to control access to campus starting on August 23, 2021, and you will need to tap your AUB ID card at the entrance gates to be able to enter. The database will also be used to maintain access to online student systems including AUBSIS and Moodle.
 - d. Exceptions to this access policy will be available for specific medical reasons. If you believe you have a valid medical reason for not taking the vaccine, you will need to submit a request by August 20, 2021, with all supporting documentation, to the [Vaccination Working Group](#), who will determine if you qualify. In case an exemption is granted, you will be required to wear a mask at all times while on campus (indoors and outdoors) and provide the Vaccination Working Group with a negative PCR test result on a weekly basis.
8. You are required to abide by AUB's safety recommendations as informed by the [Expert Committee](#)

[on COVID-19](#) at all times including wearing masks in all indoor spaces (classrooms, labs, libraries, common areas, etc.) and in crowded outdoor spaces.

The university will continue to monitor the situation very closely and be advised by the Expert Committee on COVID-19 and the Vaccination Working Group, and will adjust its plans and guidance to the community accordingly.

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus, and to the resumption of campus life, co-curricular activities, and learning.

For more information, please check the FAQs [here](#). If your question is not answered there, please write us [here](#).

Kind regards,

Office of the Registrar