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AUBMC announces the formation of the Pandemic Evaluation Clinic and Center (PECC)

The American University of Beirut (AUB) President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri announced today in a message to the university community the formation of the Pandemic Evaluation Clinic and Center (PECC) that has been completed in just under 10 days thanks to the committed efforts of the dedicated AUB Medical Center staff working in tight formation.

Khuri said: “The PECC is housed in Building 56 between Maamari and Clemenceau streets, and with its own entrance, the first floor is an outpatient facility for screening, assessment, and early identification of respiratory illness, including COVID-19. There are 11 newly designed individual negative pressure rooms for intensive care management and 10 intermediate care beds on the second floor. A regular unit of 21 individual rooms on the fourth floor has been assigned for stable patients, while additional support areas have been created throughout the building”.

Khuri added: “To prepare Building 56 as the focal point for AUB’s clinical response to the novel coronavirus pandemic, existing functions and units had to be relocated and the AUBMC plant engineering department retrofitted the space to comply with international COVID-19 requirements. None of this would have been possible without the immense, round-the-clock efforts of numerous units, departments and disciplines at AUBMC, under the direction of a multidisciplinary coronavirus task force created at the Medical Center in February”.

Khuri concluded by thanking the remarkable and diverse team that came together to achieve this vital feat of planning and execution to serve our patients in the face of an unprecedented public health emergency, saying: “Through it, our university and medical center are poised to play an important role in serving the people of Lebanon and the region”.

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