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INTRODUCTION
COVID-19 is a highly infectious, life-threatening disease declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic. COVID-19’s highly contagious nature means that contact with others or contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the virus can lead to infection. Additionally, individuals who may have been infected with COVID-19 may be asymptomatic for some time or may never become symptomatic. Because of its highly contagious and sometimes hidden nature, it is currently very difficult to control the spread of COVID-19 or to determine whether, where or how a specific individual may have been exposed to the disease.

AUC is committed to providing a safe academic and work environment for its students, faculty and staff. Thus, it has put in place new safety precautions and requirements, which may be updated from time to time, to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. While these precautions and requirements may or may not be effective in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, the University is preparing to implement a carefully planned and measured operation of its campuses based on the best practices of the WHO, the Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Throughout AUC’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University has remained focused on the health and safety of our faculty, students and staff. This commitment has never wavered, and it remains a guiding tenet as the University prepares for carefully planned and measured face-to-face operation.

WHAT IS AUC DOING TOWARD A SAFE ACADEMIC AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT?
- Mitigate the risk of exposure by requiring AUC community members to regularly monitor their personal health status. Community members should not come to either campus if they are showing symptoms.
- Utilize enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols across campuses.
- Encourage the entire AUC community and visitors to follow specific guidelines through signage and other communication methods leading to good hygiene practices.
- Follow best practices from the WHO, MOH, and CDC.
- Require COVID-19 vaccinations for all students, faculty and staff who will access our campuses (New Cairo and Tahrir Square) and the University Residences.
- Require submission of vaccination status, proof of vaccination, or request for exemptions from vaccination based on medical or other required accommodations before accessing the campus.
- Encourage AUC community members to receive their booster shots and update their vaccinations status here.
SAFETY MEASURES

GENERAL SAFETY MEASURES

● Everyone must wear face masks in all classrooms and shared environments on campus.
● Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based (at least 70%) hand sanitizer.
● Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
● Stay home if you have flu-like symptoms and self-isolate to limit exposure to others.
● Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
● Avoid sharing common office supplies such as pens and notebooks.
● Clean and disinfect shared objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning supplies.

FACE COVERINGS AND MASKS

Face masks can reduce the transmission of the virus if used properly. AUC community members are required to wear face masks at all times, indoors and outdoors, unless they are alone. Masks must be worn at all times on AUC-provided transportation.

How to use a face mask or face covering:

● Wash your hands before putting on your face mask.
● Put it over your nose and mouth, and secure it under your chin.
● Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
● Make sure you can breathe easily.
● Keep the mask on your face when you are around others.
● Do not put the mask around your neck or on your forehead.
● Do not touch the face mask, and, if you do, wash your hands.

How to take off your face covering:

● Untie the strings behind your head, or stretch the ear loops.
● Handle only by ear loops or ties.
● Fold the outside corners together.
● Place cloth face coverings in the washing machine, and dispose of single-use ones.
● Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth when removing the mask, and wash your hands immediately after doing so.

**Care for face coverings:**

● Cloth face coverings should be washed after each use.
● Wash your face covering with your regular laundry.
● Use regular detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the face-covering material.
● Disposable masks should not be used for more than one day and must be disposed of appropriately at the end of the day.

**SECURITY GUIDELINES**

**ACCESS TO CAMPUS**

Access to campus will be granted only to faculty, students and staff who have shared their vaccination status through the online form and fulfill one of the below criteria:

● Received one or two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination
● Medically exempted, with a negative antigen test weekly

Please use the online [Vaccine Status and Medical Exemption Request Form](#) to submit your proof of vaccination or request a medical exemption. Once validated by the AUC clinic, you will receive a confirmation email that your AUC ID is active to access the campus.

While we expect that the majority of the AUC community will be vaccinated, we can anticipate that there may be some faculty, staff or students who did not receive their vaccination. Any individuals who are not vaccinated will be required to participate in a mandatory weekly antigen testing program at their expense.

Students, faculty and staff will need to complete the [online Health Self-Check](#) before arriving on campus to be granted access. You will need to show your result to the security guard at the entrances to be allowed on campus.

**VISITOR ACCESS TO CAMPUS**

All campus visitors must be pre-registered before arriving on campus to allow the University to monitor and control their presence on campus.
General Guidelines

- The host (faculty or staff only) must submit the visitor’s information 24 hours before the visit by filling in the visitor registration form. The form has an updated section to upload the visitor’s vaccination proof for smoother campus access.
- All visitors have to show proof of vaccination to the security guard at the entrance prior to entering the campus.
- The host is responsible for ensuring that the visitor is fully aware of the campus access policy and the University’s COVID-19 guidelines. For more information, please visit [www.aucegypt.edu/coronavirus](http://www.aucegypt.edu/coronavirus).
- [Gatepass@aucegypt.edu](mailto:Gatepass@aucegypt.edu) will review the submitted visitor information and contact the host with the visit status.
- Completion of the form does not guarantee that a visitor will be approved to enter the campus.

Gates and Entrances

- Visitors to AUC New Cairo can only enter via Gate 1 – Portal Entrance or Gate 4 – Pepsi Entrance.
- Visitors to AUC Tahrir Square can enter via the Mohamed Mahmoud entrance or the Falaki Academic Center’s main entrance. Access is also via the Sheikh Rihan entrance, except on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Visitors to the AUC Tahrir Square Bookstore can enter via the bookstore entrance on the corner of Kasr El Aini and Sheikh Rihan streets.

Contractor Access to Campus

Contractors are allowed to access campus via Gate 3 only.

Repetitive Visitors

Contact [gatepass@aucegypt.edu](mailto:gatepass@aucegypt.edu) to coordinate campus access for this type of visitor.

Events Visitor Process

- Fill in the visitor registration form, and choose the “I’m organizing an event” option.
- Upload the needed event information.
- Contact [gatepass@aucegypt.edu](mailto:gatepass@aucegypt.edu) to process visitor access to the event.

More Information

Contact [gatepass@aucegypt.edu](mailto:gatepass@aucegypt.edu) if you have any inquiries or feedback.
**Parking Services**

To limit the spread of COVID-19 through cash transactions, AUC uses the Parking Access System. PAS is an integrated system that provides both access control measures to the campus and the collection of the parking subscription fees. Graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and staff will enjoy the full cashless experience offered by PAS during their daily access to campus. For more information about PAS, please contact parking@aucegypt.edu.

**AUC ID Services**

The ID Center will continue to provide ID services during operating hours. To avoid an unnecessary visit to the ID Center or long waiting time, please consider the following guidelines:

**First-Time ID Issuance, ID Replacement or Renewal**
- Call ext. 3725/3871, or reach out via idcentdir@aucegypt.edu, and provide your ID number along with the requested service.
- The ID Center operator will process your request and schedule a visit for you if needed.

**ID Activation for Offices or Labs**
- Call ext. 2468 or email keys@aucegypt.edu, and provide the needed information, including the office or lab number and the approval of the area head or dean.
- The ID Center operator will process your request and schedule a visit for you if needed.

**More Information and Contacts**
- All community members must have their AUC IDs with them at all times. Not having a valid, active AUC ID will likely cause considerable delays during entry and exit.
- For lost IDs, please report the case immediately to the ID Center and obtain a new ID and deactivate the old one.
- If your AUC ID is not working, please contact the ID Center for assistance.
- Please contact the ID Center at ext. 3725/3871, email idcentdir@aucegypt.edu or visit Room P029 at the Administration Building.
**TOBACCO-FREE COMMUNITY POLICY**

All persons present at any time inside the pedestrian walls of either AUC campus are prohibited from smoking or consuming any tobacco products outside of the designated smoking areas. The designated smoking areas on the campuses are marked with signs and a perimeter that delineates exactly where the use of tobacco products is permitted. Security guards are authorized to check and make a note of the IDs of whoever violates this policy. Refusing to submit the ID would be considered a violation of the AUC ID Card Policy and could result in the suspension of access to campus.

In the case of a violation, the violating person’s information will be taken down, and they will receive a letter informing them of the rules outlined in this policy. Should an individual continue to violate the policy, they will face progressive sanctions. More information about the Tobacco-Free Community Policy can be found [here](#).
CAMPUS FACILITIES

AUC TRANSPORTATION

Guidelines

- AUC buses are strictly limited to those who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 (minimum one dose).
- Passengers will be required to share their vaccination status via the Health Self-Check through the AUC Mobile app or this link.
- On any AUC bus, all passengers must wear a mask before boarding and for the entire duration of the trip. This is in accordance with the Government of Egypt announcements requiring all persons utilizing public or private transportation or other for-hire vehicles to wear a face-covering over the nose and mouth during any such trips.
- Passengers should avoid touching surfaces with their hands as much as possible.
- Passengers are encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering and after exiting the bus and before removing face coverings.
- Passengers with known or suspected COVID-19 should not ride any AUC transportation.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after each trip, and if a COVID-19 case is found, the bus will be isolated and will undergo a deep cleaning and fumigation process.
- To report someone not wearing a mask, please email covidsafety@aucegypt.edu.
- For those who are not able to ride the AUC buses, we have negotiated special rates with SWVL. More information is available on the transportation services website.

AUC FOOD OUTLETS

Operation on Campus:

AUC New Cairo food outlets will operate normally according to the following schedule:

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<td>Seoudi Mini Market</td>
<td>AUC Sports Center</td>
<td>8:30 am</td>
<td>Daily</td>
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AUC Tahrir Square food outlets will operate according to the following schedule:

**Food Outlets Guidelines**

- Strict physical distancing practices, personal hygiene, and intensive sanitization and fumigation of all areas are implemented.
- Food-outlet employees are receiving continuous training on preventive measures.
- All food-outlet employees are provided with sanitizers, gloves, and face masks.
- Signs are placed at the dining hall entrance, reminding all not to enter if they feel unwell or have flu-like symptoms.
- Floor markings are placed to ensure physical distancing within food-service lines, serving counters, and tills.
- Plexiglass barriers are placed at tills/counters, as feasible, for additional protection.
- Use AUC Pay or credit cards to minimize cash exchanges inside the outlets.
- Use AUC forms to order food to minimize the number of people inside the halls or in front of the outlets.
- Queuing will be controlled at a distance inside the outlets or in the outdoor area to avoid overcrowding.
• Most seating areas are moved to open-air areas with minimal seating indoors.

Guidelines for Having Meals on Campus

• Before and after eating, wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.
• Avoid sharing utensils.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

• The Office of Integrated Services will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least twice daily. Frequently touched surfaces may include doors, door handles, chair armrests, tabletops, handrails, podiums, light switches, trash receptacles, elevator buttons, drinking fountains, vending machines, etc.
• School staff can coordinate with the Office of Integrated Services to request additional disinfection in between classes by emailing facilities@aucegypt.edu or calling ext. 2222.
• Faculty members need to abide by sessions’ allotted start and end times to allow cleaning and disinfection teams to proceed; any changes need to be sent to the Office of the Registrar beforehand.
• If a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case is found, the space will be closed for 24 hours while the premises are being disinfected.

HELPDESK OPERATIONS

To enhance management and operations services, we have launched an online self-service portal for the offices of integrated and hard services.

It is an automated tool to ensure an efficient and consistent customer experience. It facilitates the process of placing, describing and tracking requested services.

The form is available through the following link: Operations Self-Service Portal. There, you can place any service request related to maintenance, housekeeping, pest control and landscape services. The services are available to both campuses and the AUC off-campus premises.

The helpdesk operations office can receive emergency calls from Sunday to Thursday (8:30 am to 4:00 pm) on +20.2.2615.2222 or ext. 2222.

The following email address will be used only for following up on requested services: facilities@aucegypt.edu.
USING ELEVATORS

- Use the stairs whenever possible.
- Occupancy on elevators should be limited to two people in most situations.
- Masks should be worn in elevators, especially when more than one person is present.
- Avoid touching the elevator buttons with exposed hands or fingers when possible.
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon departing the elevator.

TRAVEL

- International travel will be restricted to essential travel only; however, we will follow local government announcements and travel regulations to decide the appropriate time to relax travel restrictions.
- Due to the shifting epidemiology of the virus, a particular destination considered relatively safe now may be deemed unsafe next semester and vice-versa.
- Detailed travel information will be shared on the AUC travel website.

EVENTS MANAGEMENT

All AUC events must follow AUC’s policies regarding social distancing and safety precautions. Please note that any event is subject to cancellation based on changes in the situation on campus and in Egypt.

Events at AUC will keep following the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines below:

AUC New Cairo:

- Events must be held in venues that can hold the number of participants according to COVID-19 capacity guidelines.
- Events are open to members of the AUC community who currently have access to campus, as well as external participants who are vaccinated.
  - It is the responsibility of the event requester to collect proofs of vaccination from external participants and attach them to the AUC Visitors Registration Form. Otherwise, the external participant will be required to show security a vaccination proof to enter the campus.

AUC Tahrir Square:

- Events must be held in venues that can hold the number of participants according to COVID-19 capacity guidelines.
- Events are open to members of the AUC community who currently have access to campus, as well as external participants who are vaccinated.
SIGNAGE
AUC has prepared a signage campaign covering special campus areas where risk is higher (e.g., CIB bank, elevators and bookstores) to raise community awareness on hygiene measures and social distancing to limit virus transmission.

Bus Signage
COVID-19 awareness signs (masks are mandatory) have been placed in all buses.

Elevator Signage
COVID-19 awareness signs (social distancing) have been placed in all elevators.
Outlet Signage
COVID-19 awareness signs (masks are mandatory) have been placed at all outlets.

Outdoor and Indoor Spaces
AUC is encouraging all community members to spend more time in the outdoor spaces located in both AUC New Cairo and AUC Tahrir Square. Shaded seating arrangements have been placed at multiple locations to cater to that purpose.

Outdoor Classrooms
Three outdoor classroom tents have been installed on campus: two in the University Garden and one by the AUC Sports Center. These are to be used as backup classrooms on an as-needed basis and are not assigned to anyone course throughout the semester. For Summer 2022, any instructor who requires the use of one of these outdoor classrooms should contact the registrar's scheduling team at regisevents@aucegypt.edu two days before the event to make a reservation.
PUBLIC HEALTH

**BOOSTER DOSES**

According to the CDC, booster shots have been shown to provide improved protection against COVID-19 infection. In particular, booster shots are effective in reducing severe illness and death. If you receive an SMS from the Ministry of Health and Population, please go to the vaccination center you are referred to and take your booster shot.

Once you receive your booster shot, please update your vaccine record on our AUC system [this link](#). Those who are fully vaccinated and boosted will follow a different isolation protocol than those who are not boosted (will not be required to isolate or get tested if they have been identified as a contact).

For further inquiries, please contact [vaccination@aucegypt.edu](mailto:vaccination@aucegypt.edu).
COMMUNITY SELF-CHECKS

Mandatory Online Health Self-Check (for Those Who Are Coming to Campus)

- This questionnaire is based on the symptoms of COVID-19 as defined by the CDC.
- All community members must perform a health self-check and answer a 30-second questionnaire each day they plan to come to either campus (New Cairo and Tahrir Square).
- You will not be admitted from the gate unless you present the results of the self-check to the security at the gates. The result of this self-check will either be a green face (safe to come to campus) or a red face (do not come to campus).
- You will need to show the result dated the same day and performed within 2 to 3 hours before arrival to campus to security before the turnstiles at the pedestrian gates.
- If the result of the survey produces a red face, the clinic will contact you to go over your case with you and give you medical advice as needed. The result may be a 5-day quarantine period and/or a request for a PCR test.
- Please begin the health self-check by inserting your AUC credentials in this link.
- The self-check has been updated to include the vaccination or the weekly antigen test status, as well as the original symptom checker. Each individual will need to show the result of the daily self-check with the vaccination status to access campuses, buses, sports facilities and other services.
- If you are vaccinated, having received one or two doses, you should get a green thumbs-up.
- If you are unvaccinated with a valid weekly antigen test, you should get the yellow thumbs-down with the green tick.
• If you are unvaccinated with no valid or positive weekly antigen test, you should get the thumbs-down with the stop sign.

Keep yourself and others protected by strictly following these guidelines:

✓ Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect yourself and others.
✓ Avoid unsafe gatherings.
✓ Avoid poorly ventilated indoor spaces.
✓ Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

TESTING PROCESS
Testing Facilities
AUC has agreed with Speed Medical to set up a drive-through PCR and antibodies testing unit for the AUC community and non-AUC community members, in addition to a separate walk-in station for the AUC community only (students, faculty, staff and alumni).
In addition, a PCR testing station will operate Sunday and Tuesday at the AUC Tahrir Square clinic.

Any individual who experiences COVID-19 symptoms should complete the self-check here to report to the clinic. Please inform the clinic even if you are not coming to campus.

**PCR Testing Stations Working Hours:**

- Drive-through station between gates 2 and 3: 10:30 am - 10:00 pm
- Walk-in station outside Gate 4: 10:30 am - 10:00 pm
- Walk-in station inside Gate 1: 10:30 am - 6:00 pm
- Tahrir Square clinic station: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Available tests:

- **COVID-19 Qualitative PCR**
  The PCR is a swab test; results are available within 24 hours. Results may be:
  - Positive (infected with COVID-19)
  - Negative (not infected with COVID-19)

- **COVID-19 Antigen Test**
  The rapid COVID-19 antigen test is an easy-to-use visual-read test that does not require laboratory instruments or specialized lab personnel to administer, and it delivers results in 15 minutes. This test can be used on individuals with or without COVID-19 symptoms.

**PCR Results are delivered after 24 hours**

- Urgent results are delivered within 8 hours with an additional fee.
- This applies to the results for traveling and testing for medical reasons.

**Mandatory Testing Program**

While we expect that the majority of the AUC community will be vaccinated when entering AUC New Cairo or AUC Tahrir Square, we can anticipate that there may be some faculty, staff or students who did not receive their vaccination. Any individuals who are not vaccinated will be required to participate in a mandatory weekly antigen testing program at their expense.

**Testing Units**

AUC New Cairo has a total of three testing stations operated by Speed Medical as follow:
• Two stations at the Pepsi and Portal entrances
• One station inside campus at Bassily Auditorium

AUC Tahrir Square has one antigen testing station at the Tahrir Square clinic.

Note: Testing locations and hours may be adjusted as needed throughout the semester.

**Eligibility, Hours and Fees**

- **Operating hours:**
  - Pepsi Entrance: 8:15 am - 10:00 pm
  - Portal Entrance: 8:15 am - 4:00 pm
  - Bassily Auditorium: 10:15 am - 8:00 pm
  - Tahrir Square clinic: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Cash payments are not accepted at any of the testing units.
- Students’ testing fees will be added to their student bill; faculty and staff members’ testing fees will be deducted from their payroll.
- AUC will cover the costs for scholarship students and will subsidize the fees for certain staff levels (levels 1 to 6 will pay EGP 50 per test, and levels 7 to 11 will pay EGP 100 per test).
- Testing fees will be at a discounted rate of EGP 350 per test for students, faculty and all other staff.
- Those who are medically exempted will need to pay for the weekly testing.
- Community members who have recently recovered from COVID-19 will be advised by email on when they should commence their testing.
- The frequency of testing may be revisited depending on the pandemic conditions.

For any further questions on the testing program, email medicalserv@aucegypt.edu.

**CONTACT TRACING**

**Contact Tracing Protocol**

This protocol provides guidance on the procedures to follow if a member of the community has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19: Within 1.5 meters of an infected person for 15 minutes or more:

- If you are a contact and have symptoms (e.g., fever, sore throat, cough):
  - Report your symptoms via the AUC Health Self-Check form.
  - Stay home and keep apart from others.
  - Wear a properly fitting, high-quality mask (e.g., N95, KN95) for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public.
  - The Office of Medical Services will help you to schedule a free test (antigen or PCR).
  - If you receive a positive test result:
- Regardless of your vaccination status, you need to isolate yourself for at least 10 days, starting either the day you tested positive (if you remain asymptomatic) or the day your symptoms started, whichever is earlier.
- Stay home (except to get medical care) or in your assigned isolation space on campus (if you’re a residential undergraduate student).
- Separate yourself from other people in your household, and wear a properly fitting, high-quality mask (e.g., N95, KN95) for 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or in public.
- Get rest and stay hydrated. Take over-the-counter medicines to help you feel better if needed.
- Monitor any symptoms.
- Do not host any visitors.
  - If you receive a negative test result:
    - You may resume your regular activities as soon as your symptoms disappear.
  - If you are a contact and have no symptoms:
    - If you are **not fully vaccinated** and have not had COVID-19 in the past 30 days, stay home and quarantine for at least 5 days, after which a test is required (and will be provided at AUC’s expense). You should report you are a contact via the AUC Health Self-Check form, and the medical team will guide you through the testing process.
    - If you are fully vaccinated and boosted or had COVID-19 in the past 30 days, you do not need to be isolated.
      - Important Note: If you wish to have a test after 5 days of exposure, this test is to be at your own expense, not covered by the University. Speed Medical stations that accept payments are the following:
        1. Walk-in station outside Gate 4, working hours from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm.
        2. Drive-through station between Gates 2 and 3, working hours from 10:30 am to 10:00 pm.

For any further questions on the testing program, email medicalserv@aucegypt.edu.
**COVID-19 Suspected Cases Process**

- A red face is reported by the self-check system or the Office of Medical Services (case presents to the Office of Medical Services or reports to the Office of Medical Services via email medicalserv@aucegypt.edu or emergency phone +2.012.8000.1039).
- The case is verified by completing the medical data, medical reports, blood tests and CT scans (confirmed/probable case).
- The case is recorded into the COVID-19 reporting system. Emails are sent to the direct manager (staff), Office of the Dean of Students (students), Office of Integrated Services (disinfection), Office of Residential Life (dorm residents), and each entity takes the required action.
- The confirmed/probable case self-isolates for 5 days. On the fourth day from the onset of symptoms, the individual gets a PCR test at Speed Medical’s walk-in station located at Gate 1.
- Contact tracing is conducted manually by the Office of Medical Services and verified by the WiFi tracing report.
- In the case of a negative PCR test result, self-isolation continues for 5 days, and then the case is reassessed. The isolation either ends or is extended according to the individual’s medical condition.
- In the case of a positive PCR test result, self-isolation continues for 10 days. The individual may return to campus by the end of the 10th day after getting a negative PCR test result with the resolution of symptoms.
- Cases are not allowed to resume normal activities across campus until after they have been medically examined and assessed.
- Those who came in contact with a positive case should get a PCR test on the fourth day from exposure at Speed Medical’s walk-in station.
- Those who came in contact with a negative case are required to isolate for 5 days and monitor their symptoms.

**Reported Case in Classroom**

- A case with symptoms of COVID-19 is reported in a classroom.
- The Office of Medical Services completes the medical investigation and verifies the case’s contacts. The Office of Medical Services sends emails to the Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Integrated Services if needed and Office of Residential Life if the case is a dorm resident.
- The case gets an antigen test, is instructed to seek medical advice through the health insurance provider to start treatment, self-isolates, gets a PCR test at the Gate 1 testing station on the fourth day from the onset of symptoms and sends the medical reports to medicalserv@aucegypt.edu.
- The Office of Medical Services verifies the case through medical reports, blood tests, CT scans and PCR tests (confirmed/probable case).
• If the case turns out to be positive, the patient self-isolates for **10 days** and must have a negative PCR test result by the end of the 10th day before returning to campus.

**Testing Classroom Contacts**

**Classroom Testing**

The mandatory testing of all classroom contacts has been stopped, and we will only require testing for those with symptoms. The medical services office will continue to manually trace contacts of positive cases of any faculty, staff or students based on the duration and proximity of their contacts. Testing of symptomatic contacts will continue.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO ?**

Have you been in close contact with someone with COVID-19? (i.e., less than 1.5 meters away for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period)

- Yes
  - Do you have symptoms?
    - No
      - If you have symptoms, contact your medical services office.
    - Yes
      - Test yourself as soon as possible.
- No
  - You may resume your regular activities.

Do you have symptoms? (e.g., fever, sore throat, cough)

- Yes
  - Have you developed symptoms?
    - Yes
      - Take a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. You may schedule a free test on campus through the Office of Medical Services. If you test outside of AUC, send your result to the Office of Medical Services.
    - No
      - If you receive a positive test result, follow these steps:
        - Regardless of your vaccination status, isolate for at least 10 days starting the day you tested positive (if you remain asymptomatic or the day your symptoms started, whichever is earlier).
        - Stay home (except to get medical care or in your assigned location space on campus if you are a residential undergraduate student).
        - Separate yourself from other people in your household, and wear a properly-fitting, high-quality mask (e.g., N95, KN95) for at least 10 full days any time you are around others inside your home or public.
        - Get tested and stay hydrated. Take over-the-counter medicines to help you feel better, if needed.
        - Monitor any symptoms.
        - Do not host any visitors.
- No
  - If you receive a negative test result...

Take a COVID-19 test as soon as possible.

- Are you fully vaccinated AND boosted or had COVID in the past 30 days?
  - Yes
    - You do not need to be isolated. A test after day 5 of exposure is recommended.
  - No
    - Stay home and quarantine for at least 5 days after which a test is required.

Regardless of your vaccination and booster status:

- If you develop symptoms, stay home and get tested.
- Wear a properly-fitting, high-quality mask (e.g., N95, KN95) for 10 full days every time you are around others inside your home or public.
- Avoid being around people who are at high risk.
- Avoid travel.

If you have questions, please contact AUC's medical team at medicalserv@aucegypt.edu.

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AUC Coronavirus Community Dashboard

As part of AUC’s effort to mitigate the risks of COVID-19 and provide the needed data to the community, we have developed the AUC Coronavirus Community Dashboard. We have been benchmarking with other American higher education institutions and applied best practices to use the data to give meaningful trends and serve as triggers for decisions to open up the campus more in a phased approach or tighten measures based on the weekly and monthly trends.

We are closely monitoring the infection rate updates in both Egypt and the AUC community. These updates may affect the decision to increase and expand the testing program with the start of the summer semester to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure.

AUC Clinic

The AUC New Cairo and AUC Tahrir Square clinics are operating full-time, with the following services:

**On-Campus Emergency Services (24/7)**

- The AUC clinic provides a 24/7 emergency service with its components, such as life support, stabilization and ambulance transfer.
- The emergency services are available to AUC students, faculty and staff.
- In case an AUC community member or visitor is injured or suffering from a medical condition that requires emergency first aid or examination by a physician, the patient or anyone present should immediately call the medical hotline on +2.012.8000.1039 or +2.02.2615.4000 or dial ext. 4000 from any on-campus phone.
- The caller should provide the following information:
  - The detailed location, approximate age, gender and name (if known) of the injured/sick person
  - As much detail as possible about the nature of the injury or illness
  - Information about any hazards that may threaten the patient or responding team
  - The name, ID and department of the caller
- The emergency response medical team moves immediately to the site of the emergency.
- The severity of the patient’s condition is assessed and a medical decision can be taken.
- Emergency services are also available at the off-campus residences and Faculty Housing clinic located on plot 2 from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am on weekdays and 24/7 on weekends.
- Ambulance services: The AUC ambulance service is intended for the transport of critical cases on the New Cairo campus only. If any member of the AUC community faces an emergency off campus, they should contact the nearest hospital or call 123 for the Egyptian ambulance service.
Primary Health Care Services for Cigna Subscribers

- The clinic offers primary health care for Cigna subscribers in the form of:
  - Physical examination and treatment prescription
  - Referral for requested testing (lab tests and imaging)
  - Referral for specialized medical consultation when needed
  - Authorization of external prescriptions and chronic monthly medication dispensation from affiliated Seif Pharmacies branches
- Arranging on-campus annual checkups for Cigna subscribers

In the case of a hybrid or online mode of instruction, the clinic will be working on an emergency basis with the following arrangements:

- Cigna subscribers who need a monthly prescription or lab and scan referrals must notify the Office of Medical Services of their request through email (medicalserv@aucegypt.edu). The emails are channeled to our AUC clinic physicians who issue the needed prescriptions or referrals.
- The prescriptions are then sent daily to Dr. Ghada Maher, Seif Pharmacies’ representative, (ghada313@gmail.com), and a confirmation email is sent to the subscriber to collect the medications with time and location details.
- The referrals issued are sent as a soft copy through email, signed and stamped, to the subscriber to be used in any Cigna network lab or scan center.
- For external doctors’ examinations, referrals are also issued and sent as soft copies through email to the subscriber.

Wellness Programs and Consultancy Clinics
To promote the health and wellness of the AUC community, the following clinics are now operating:

- **AUC New Cairo Clinic:** nutrition, anti-smoking and psychiatry services
  To book an appointment, call ext. 3907 or +20.2.2615.3907 or email medicalserv@aucegypt.edu.

- **AUC Tahrir Clinic:** psychiatry services
  To book an appointment, call ext. 5000 or +20.2.2797.5000.

Events Medical Coverage

- The Office of Medical Services provides medical services for on-campus events (sports, concerts, cultural events, commencement, etc.).
- The Office of Medical Services receives requests from the concerned department at least one week before the event to provide medical assistance, including details such as the venue, number of attendees and nature and duration of the event.
● The medical coverage may include physicians, nurses, a golf cart (only on the New Cairo campus) and an ambulance according to the size and medical requirements of the event.

**Sick Leaves for Employees**

● The employee is examined internally at the AUC clinic, and the physician issues a sick note based on the findings.
● The employee already visited an external physician or underwent surgery and received a sick note.
● An employee assessed externally should provide the clinic with the following documents:
  o Detailed, official, original, stamped sick note issued by the external health provider, including the number of leave days required
  o Related lab results, imaging reports and prescription for medication
  o The Leaflet to Attend Medical Examination form (an original form and two copies) signed by the supervisor on the first day back at work after leave
● The AUC physician approves reports and recommendations in the case of an external treating physician.

**Hosting Work Permit Renewal**

● As part of the legal requirement for the renewal of work permits, non-Egyptian employees have to perform some lab tests, including HIV tests. The AUC clinic, in collaboration with the Business Support Unit, hosts the testing of non-Egyptian faculty and staff.
● The clinic provides the physical space and the required materials and supplies for the test, which will be performed by doctors from the MOH Central Health Laboratories.

**MetLife Representative**

The AUC clinic hosts the MetLife representative physician offering the required services to MetLife subscribers from Sunday.

**Important to Know**

● AUC medical services are provided with an appointment, except for emergency services.
● On weekends, official holidays, and after 4:00 pm on weekdays, the clinic receives emergency cases only.

**Locations and Contact Numbers**

**AUC New Cairo**

Working hours: 24/7
Location: Campus Center, Plaza Level, Room P051
AUC landline: ext. 4000
t+20.2.2615.4000
Should your call go unanswered, please call 123 for the Egyptian ambulance service. **Ambulance services are provided for critical cases on the New Cairo campus only.**
If an emergency occurs outside of working hours, please contact +2.012.8000.1039.

**AUC Tahrir Square**
Weekday working hours: 9:00 am - 10:30 pm
Weekend working hours: 9:00 am - 11:00 pm
AUC landline: ext. 5000
t+20.2.2797.5000
Should your call go unanswered, please call 123 for the Egyptian ambulance service. If an emergency occurs outside of working hours, contact Dr. Suzan Michel on +2.010.0266.1255.

**MEDICAL PROVIDERS PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURE**
The AUC clinic recognizes the health and safety of its students, faculty and staff are paramount and continues to support them during difficult times. AUC has taken several initiatives to keep the community engaged and is determined to sustain its mission of service to its community. The following protocol covers the actions required of its faculty, students and staff if they suspect or show symptoms of COVID-19 infection despite their vaccination.

**Medical Service Providers (MetLife/Cigna)**
- If you have flu-like symptoms when on campus, report to your direct supervisor at once, report to the clinic through the hotline and visit your nearest hospital or clinic, where they will perform the necessary investigations.
- According to primary assessment and investigations, you will be asked to:
  - Self-isolate at home with no contact with family members
  - Isolate in a hospital within the MetLife network
- In the case of self-isolation at home, you may be prescribed appropriate medication by the hospital for self-administration at home.
- If you have flu-like symptoms while at home, **do not come to campus**, call your direct supervisor, report to the clinic through the hotline and visit your nearest hospital or clinic as above.
- If you have been in contact with a family member at home or a friend who is experiencing flu-like symptoms, whether you have symptoms or not, **do not come to campus**, call your direct supervisor and report to the clinic through the hotline.
- All cases should be reported to the clinic through the hotline: +2.012.8000.1039.
- If you have had an active COVID-19 infection, please obtain a medical clearance or sufficient evidence from the MetLife or Cigna networks of hospitals/professionals before returning to campus.
● The medical clearance/required evidence must be approved by the clinic before returning to campus.

For MetLife Subscribers:

● MetLife accepts COVID-19 cases that need in-patient admission for isolation in all private hospitals included in the MetLife network for both Green and Gold cardholders.
● Participants can visit any of the network hospitals with their card, and the provider will accept cases based on an assessment of the medical condition, criticality and availability of beds.
● All network provider hospitals will accept patients on a reimbursement basis. A list of hospitals accepting direct billing admissions is below:
  o El Katib Hospital (one of Cleopatra Hospitals Group) – Dokki
  o Misr International Hospital – Dokki
  o Al Gazeera Hospital – Faisal
  o Dar Al Fouad Hospital – 6th of October
  o Global Care Hospital – Shiekh Zayed
  o Andalusia Hospital – Maadi
  o As-Salam International Hospital – Maadi
  o Dr. Osman Hospital – Maadi
  o Dar Al Fouad Hospital – Nasr City
  o Viva El Akkad Hospital – Nasr City
  o Saudi German Hospital – Heliopolis
  o Ain Al Hayah Hospital – New Nozha
  o Nasaaem Hospital – New Cairo
  o El Ghandour Hospital – 10th of Ramadan
  o El Ghandour Hospital – Belbis
  o El Kuwaiti Hospital – Benha
  o ElAraby International Hospital – Ashmoun
  o Assiut University Hospital
  o Alexandria New Medical Center
  o El Raye El Saleh Hospital – Samallout
● If treatment is required, participants must secure prior approval from MetLife by sending the diagnosis, PCR results and hospital name to approval.requests@metlife.com.
● For any inquiries, please contact the MetLife hotline on 19097 or send an email to Rania Reda at rania.reda@mercermarshbenefits.com.
● To review the updated network, please visit www.aucegypt.edu/human-resources/benefits/metlife-medical-plan.
STUDENT LIFE

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE
The Office of Student Life facilitates student organization events according to the University’s set procedures for approval of events in Summer 2022. All student organizations will follow the procedure for requesting meetings or small events on AUC Connect and are expected to adhere to the University’s safety precautions.

Health and Safety
Students and guests are expected to practice social distancing and wear face masks at all times when meeting on campus, particularly in indoor locations. Violations will result in banning the student organization’s activities for one month. Repeated violations will result in canceling the organization’s events until the end of the semester.

OFFICE OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE
Students living in the University Residences must be vaccinated or have an authorized medical exemption. All new residents must be vaccinated or have an authorized medical exemption before check-in. Students are required to fill out the Vaccination Status and Medical Exemption Request Form to submit their vaccination certificate or request a medical exemption.

Health and Safety Procedures
ResLife is applying strict health and safety protocols and measures in the student residences. All student residents are required to observe the following measures as part of their social responsibility toward the ResLife community and the whole AUC community.
All student residents are required to:
• Wear a well-fitting mask over their noses and mouths at all times when in public spaces or interacting with others in their units or apartments
• Maintain social distance
• Wash their hands often
• Wipe down and disinfect surfaces in their rooms/apartments often and after utilizing shared bathrooms/kitchens

Additionally, the University Residences are still implementing the following policies and procedures in our continued efforts to help prevent transmission and limit the infection rates:
• No visitors or overnight guests are allowed in the residences
• Residents will have to get mandatory antigen tests before check-in (if a student tests positive, they will be required to get a PCR test and check into the quarantine unit)
• Positive cases will be required to self-isolate for 10 days (while in isolation, residents are not allowed to leave their rooms except to use the bathroom)
• Contacts and suspected cases are required to self-isolate for up to seven days

Violations of these procedures will be reported and may result in disciplinary actions by the Office of Student Development and Community Relations. If the COVID-19 situation improves on campus after a few weeks into the semester, ResLife may revisit these procedures and relax some of them. Other specific safety measures in the University Residences include strategically placed signage in public and private spaces with reminders to follow the guidelines.

OFFICE OF ATHLETICS
Depending on the number of COVID-19 cases on campus, the Office of Athletics may have to close some or all of the indoor athletic facilities for some time and will inform the AUC community accordingly.

Use of Outdoor Courts and Fields
All students, faculty, staff and alumni with access to campus may use the outdoor courts and fields without the need to register on AUC Connect. The tennis center court is available at all times from 8:30 am to 9:45 pm.

Use of the Gym, Pool and Squash Courts
All students, faculty, staff and alumni with access to campus and who are fully vaccinated will have access to the gym, pool and squash courts.

Steps to Register to Use the Gym, Pool and Squash Courts
Vaccinated members of the AUC community who have access to campus will be added to AUC Connect and will be able to sign up to use these facilities. If you are vaccinated but are not yet able to access the AUC Connect “event” to sign up to use the gym or pool, please contact merry_f@aucegypt.edu.

Please be sure to sign up one day in advance to use the gym, pool or squash courts.

Gym, Pool and Squash Courts Hours of Operation
The daily hours of operation for the gym rooms, including the cardio and strength rooms, the pool and the squash courts, will be posted on AUC Connect.

Capacity and Length of Work-Outs at the Gym, Pool and Squash Courts
Up to 60 people can register to use the two gym rooms combined at any one time. Up to 40 people can use the pool at any one time. Up to eight people can use the squash courts (two people per court) at any one time. AUC Connect will provide 75-minute reservation slots.
Health and Safety
All gym users are expected to wipe down equipment after use, using the available spray sanitizers and paper towels. Proper cleaning of equipment and pool water will take place during hours when the facilities are closed to individuals. Signs encouraging physical distancing will be posted in visible locations.

THE CENTER FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING
Mental Health Counseling
CSW will continue to offer both on-campus and online mental health counseling sessions based on student preference and the availability of counselors. To book an appointment, please access the following link and select Mental Health Counseling.

Disability and Accommodations
The Student Disability Services will operate both on campus and online and may be reached at sds@aucegypt.edu. To request accommodation for Summer 2022, please click here.

Probation/Academic Risk Counseling
CSW will continue to offer both on-campus and online academic risk/probation counseling sessions based on student preference and the availability of counselors. To book an appointment, please access the following link and select Probation/At-risk Counseling.

Well-Being Webinars and Workshops
Well-being webinars and workshops will continue to be offered on a weekly basis throughout Summer 2022. Check the website for dates and times of upcoming webinars and workshops. Announcements will be posted on AUC Connect for registration.

For general questions regarding the Center for Student Well-Being, please email studentwellbeing@aucegypt.edu.

STUDENT AMBASSADORS
Requesting Student Ambassadors for Campus Tours in Summer 2022
For Summer 2022 on-campus events that are approved by the University and include campus tours, the Office of Student Development and Community Relations provides student ambassadors.

Please request an ambassador via email at studentambassadors@aucegypt.edu, and provide more details about the request by filling out the form at this link here at least one week in advance to allow us to schedule a student ambassador for your tour.
The SDCR will confirm the availability of the student ambassadors within two working days and send the contact details for the student ambassador(s), as well as bios. The SDCR will inform security 24 hours before the scheduled tour to provide access to the student ambassador(s).

LIBRARY SERVICES
The AUC Library will continue to serve all members of its community — students, faculty and staff — in addition to AUC alumni with valid library memberships.

All AUC alumni are eligible to apply for membership to the AUC Library. For more information, please click here.

Until further notice, external scholars, researchers and visitors will only be offered virtual, digital and remote research services as allowable by Fair Use Copyright Guidelines and controlled digital lending practices.

AUC members who are in self-isolation will be served remotely on a case-by-case basis.

For more information about library hours, please click here.

General Guidelines

All library operations remain in line with University regulations and safety measures, including mask-wearing inside the building at all times.

Seating for study or computer use will be available for all community members; however, group study rooms will be through an online reservation system.

Library users must adhere to the following:
  ● Food and drinks may not be consumed inside the building.
  ● The library will not provide headphones.
  ● Movement of furniture or equipment is not permitted.
  ● Observing the designated quiet and silent floors is expected and required.
  ● The library reserves the right to refuse access to anyone who does not comply with the above.

One-Stop Services (Help Desk and Research Help)
The Help Desk on the Plaza Level will be staffed and available to provide in-person support to those in the library. Virtual library services and support will continue to be offered to those that cannot access the campus, including external users. For research support or questions of
any kind, please contact the library through the 24/7 “Ask Us” chat service or by email at library@aucegypt.edu.

**Document delivery** requests can be made for articles and individual book chapters not currently held by the AUC Library. Please note that delivery times may vary and are subject to a variety of factors during this period. Usage of document delivery and printing is on a fee basis.

**Main Library Inquiries**
General inquiries, research questions and appointments: library@aucegypt.edu
Borrowing and reserves: circadmin@aucegypt.edu
Database access: eResources@aucegypt.edu
External users: externalsrv@aucegypt.edu

**The Rare Books and Special Collections Library**
RBSCL will make every effort possible to assist faculty and students requiring access to the University’s research materials. Any member of the community requiring such assistance must first arrange for an interview with a librarian by contacting Walaa Temraz.

**PRINTING AND MAIL SERVICES**

**AUC Print Shop and Copy Center**

*Locations and Contact Numbers*

**AUC Printing Services: AUC New Cairo**
Location: Campus Center, Parcel 11, Room P016
Working hours:
- Sunday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
AUC landline: ext. 3926 or 1421

**AUC Printing Services: AUC Tahrir Square**
Location: Falaki Academic Center, Ground Floor, Room G001
Working hours: Sunday to Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
AUC landline: ext. 6180

For assistance, contact the printing services at printing.copy@aucegypt.edu.

To place your online orders, click here.
MAIL SERVICES

For all mail services requests (internal and external), click [here]. Log in using your AUC email credentials (username and password).

AUC Mail Services: AUC Tahrir Square
Location: Administration Building, Sheikh Rihan Street, opposite Hill House, Room 113
Working hours: Sunday to Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
AUC landline: ext. 6030
Email: aucmail@aucegypt.edu
For urgent mail, please call Ashraf Hebishy on +2.012.7000.1871.

AUC BOOKSTORES
AUC Bookstores will be offering all the usual services to AUC New Cairo students, faculty and staff. Our store hours and in-store rules regarding social distancing and safety are guided by AUC policies.

- All AUC sanitization rules will apply. Customers are expected to follow any rules printed on in-store signage and the guidance of store staff or external store security.
- Social distancing is a minimum of 1.5 meters in all stores.
- Face masks are mandatory for staff and customers.
- AUC Bookstores request that customers not handle books or other goods they do not intend to buy.
- Our successful home delivery service will continue across Egypt.

AUC New Cairo Bookstore
- The working days are from Sunday to Thursday.
- The opening hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, subject to change.

AUC New Cairo Textbook Store
- The working days are from Sunday to Thursday.
- The opening hours are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, subject to change.
- Home delivery is free of charge for set textbooks supplied by AUC Bookstores.

AUC Tahrir Square Bookstore
- Visitors to the AUC Tahrir Square Bookstore can enter via the bookstore entrance on the corner of Kasr El Aini and Sheikh Rihan streets.
- The working days are from Saturday to Thursday.
- The opening hours are from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, subject to change.
ANNEX II
FUNCTIONAL SPACES

COMMON SPACES

Elevators, Corridors, Lobbies and Stairs
- Inside buildings, use the stairs if you are able.
- Inside elevators, occupancy will be limited to one or two people, and wait times will be increased.
- In densely populated buildings and floors, follow signage for spacing and paths of travel. In the absence of signage, stay to the right of any hallway or stairs while others are passing.

Restrooms
Some sinks and stalls will be taped off to accommodate social distancing.

OUTDOOR SPACES

Hardscape Seating Steps
- Seating spaces that attract large numbers of students are to be regulated with signs on the ground to ensure social distancing.
- The library seating cubicles are to be used by a single occupant at a time.

Outdoor Circulation
- Main outdoor corridors that experience dense activity are to be treated with signs to avoid face-to-face movement.
- While using landscape stairs, stay to the right to allow passage of others.