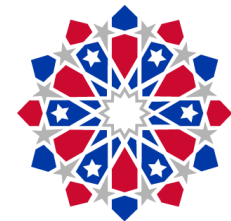


# COVID-19 Preparation and Guidelines for Fall 2020



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# Objectives

The AUBH COVID-19 Preparation Plan is intended to provide guidelines and processes to move back to an on-campus operating environment in the safest possible way.



Provide a safe environment for students, employees, visitors, and contractors while on our campus that is protective of their health and wellbeing.



Support those in the AUBH Community who are unable to attend campus with tools to enable a continuation of their learning or other activities from a distance.



Continuously comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus, Higher Education Council, and any other relevant body.



# AUBH Campus Re-opening “At a Glance”

*Here’s a summary of what AUBH is doing to prepare for going back to our campus...*



For face-to-face campus classes, we are reducing the number of students per classroom, ensuring a safe distance between students and faculty.



We are offering a dual-modality opportunity, a system that will allow classes to be held on campus according to the University schedule, and also synchronous participation (at the same time...) for students unable to attend class on campus or prefer to study at a distance.



Classes held on campus will be shorter in length, reducing the time students and faculty are together. Students have an option – each day – as to whether they want to come to campus or stay home. Regardless, the class time is the same. Both faculty and students will leave the campus as soon as class is over.



For those students who prefer or have to stay at home, the University has installed special cameras that enable remote broadcasting from our CleverTouch video monitors. AUBH will utilize both Canvas and Microsoft Teams for its platform and communications.



Simulation software in place to complement the traditional practical classes for scientific majors.



Accommodations are available for students and faculty who require isolation when they enter Bahrain.

# General Guidelines

These general guidelines apply to all individuals on the AUBH campus. Compliance with these guidelines is mandatory and a signed declaration will be required.



**Face masks must be worn at all times while on campus** in class, in the hallway, outside – everywhere. If the mask you had upon entry is no longer functional, sufficient supplies of masks have been stored on campus and will be provided to you on an emergency basis.



**All used face masks and gloves should be disposed of properly** in closed bins which have been provided in all public areas, toilets, and corridors.



**The campus clinic is NHRA certified and operated in coordination with Bahrain Specialist Hospital.**

If you require any guidance related to your health, please proceed to the clinic.

Testing is available at a cost of BD 40 per test.



**Frequent hand washing is essential to your health and those around you.**

Posters detailing proper hand washing technique have been posted throughout the campus for your convenience.



**Social distancing of 2 meters is required at all times, while on campus.**

# Suspected Symptoms and Exposure

Any suspected symptoms and/or exposure of anyone who is on, or has been on, the AUBH campus should be immediately reported and appropriate steps followed.



**If you experience any symptoms or suspect possible exposure, do not come to the campus.** Call 444 immediately and follow the instructions given to you. Inform your faculty member as soon as possible to ensure appropriate measures are taken.



**If you experience any symptoms or suspect possible exposure while on campus, proceed immediately to the campus clinic** where you will be taken to the dedicated isolation room. You or the nurse will call 444 and follow their instructions.



**If you are unable to attend class due to symptoms, exposure, or illness:** Inform your faculty member as soon as possible. Arrangements will be made to allow you to attend class remotely or to ensure you have access to the materials covered in class.



**If you are a recovered COVID-19 patient, please inform a faculty member or your manager.** You may return to campus after remaining asymptomatic for at least 72 hours and completing the isolation period specified by your discharge protocol.



# Entry Procedures

The first point of control to protect everyone on campus is upon entry. Please comply with security and follow their instructions



**A mask must be worn when entering the campus and at all times while on the campus.** Anyone without a mask will not be allowed to enter. However, in some cases, a mask can be provided on an emergency basis.



**Temperature testing is required upon entry** and those registering above 37.3°C will not be allowed to enter.



Hand sanitization upon entry is encouraged and dispensers can be found throughout the campus.



Gloves are optional but highly encouraged in situations where more than one person are interacting with a surface, device, etc.



# Physical Class Attendance

Attending face-to-face classes on campus again is exciting – but specific precautions are in place to protect everyone including social distance, scheduling, and classroom assignments.



**Ensure social distancing of 2 meters is maintained.**

- With this in mind, desks have been arranged and should not be moved.
- Enter and exit the classroom in an orderly manner to avoid inadvertent contact.



**Masks must be worn at all times.**



**Do not share writing instruments, materials, or tools.**

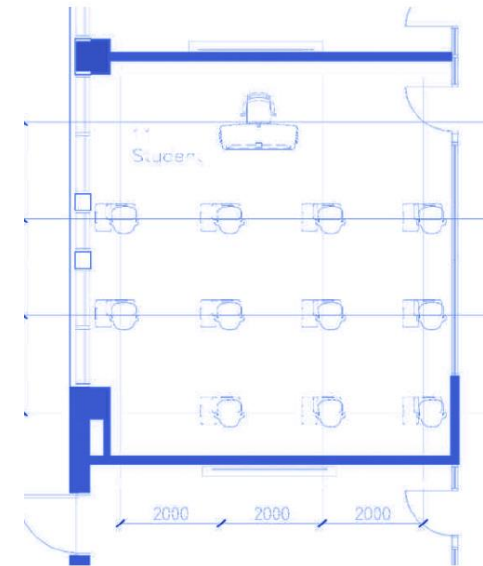


Please be understanding if your class location or timing is changed. This will only be done when necessary to protect safety or to facilitate attendance.

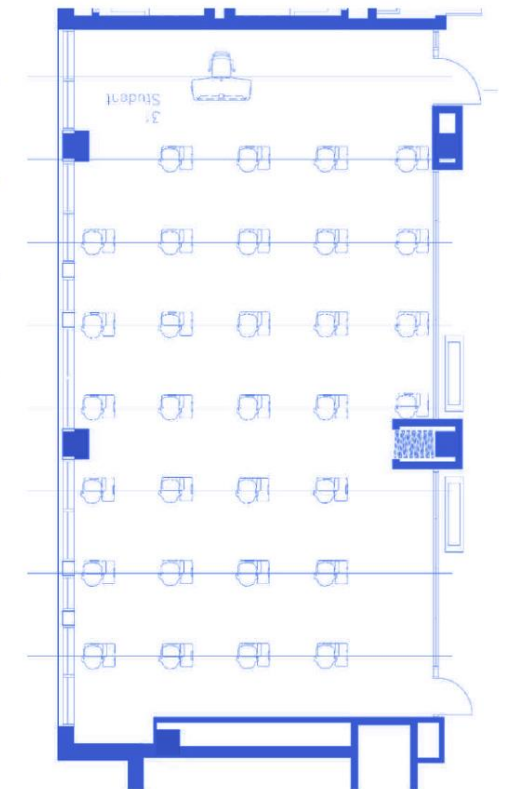


If class is being held in a Remote Teaching Room, please maintain a quiet environment to avoid disruptions to students attending remotely.

**Small Classroom Layout**



**Large Classroom Layout**





# Campus Cleanliness

Maintaining a clean campus is essential to protect everyone's health. Cleaning procedures have been developed by a certified cleaning company.



**Disinfection is occurring continuously throughout the campus** by a certified cleaning company to ensure that all areas in use remain clean and hygienic. This includes door handles, banisters, light switches, elevator buttons, etc.



**Hand sanitizer dispensers have been provided** in all operational buildings and floors including beside all lifts.



**Ministry of Health posters detailing COVID-19 awareness and guidelines have been posted** in all operational buildings.



Soap levels in all washing facilities are continuously monitored.



# Isolation Facilities

While AUBH does not directly provide isolation, the Le Meridien Hotel in Bahrain City Centre is approved by the Ministry of Health as an isolation center and is supportive of AUBH.



All new international AUBH students will have the option of utilizing the Le Meridien Hotel for isolation upon entry to Bahrain. Please inform Student Affairs if you require assistance to make isolation arrangements.





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