

AU FORWARD:

Community Forum on Contact Tracing & Health and Safety

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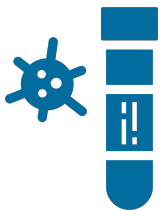
Health and Safety: A Layered Approach to Mitigate Risk



Vaccinations: Required for all with campus presence or on university sponsored activities (study abroad, research travel).



Masks: Required indoors unless alone or in room with roommate. Faculty can remove for teaching with suitable distance. Required outdoors in groups of 25 or more.



Testing: Required for all unvaccinated with approved exemptions; available for vaccinated individuals.



Contact Tracing: Positive tests and close contacts participate in contact tracing and affiliate notification.



Education/Awareness: Read more in the AU Forward Fall 2021 Health and Safety Guide and follow campus updates.



Vaccination Status

> 98%

AU Vaccination
Compliance

12,460

Fully Vaccinated
Students

3,909

Fully Vaccinated
Faculty/Staff

95%

Students Fully
Vaccinated

99%

Residential Students
Fully Vaccinated

97%

Faculty/Staff
Fully Vaccinated

118

Approved Faculty/Staff
Exemptions (1%)

72

Approved Student
Exemptions (1%)

COVID-19 Testing

Available to students, faculty, and staff at Constitution Hall, WCL Tenley Campus, and 4401 Connecticut (coming soon).

Unvaccinated students, faculty, and staff with approved religious or medical exemptions: Testing is required 2 times per week.

Community members with possible COVID-19 symptoms: Testing is available upon onset of symptoms.

Community members who are identified as close contacts of someone who recently tested positive for COVID-19: Testing is required 3-5 days post exposure.

Faculty and staff with unvaccinated household members, those who are immunocompromised, or who often remove their mask to conduct classroom lectures: Testing is recommended weekly.

Tests taken before 4pm should receive results the same evening. Tests taken after 4pm will receive results the next day.

More information available at:

<https://www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/covid-19-help-information.cfm>



Contact Tracing and Affiliate Notification

AU students, faculty, and staff with a physical presence on campus that test positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by an AU Covid Case Coordinator. The contact tracing and notification process includes:



For questions, please contact CovidNotification@american.edu

Proximity Notification and Surveillance Testing

Proximity testing is for individuals who do not necessarily meet the threshold of a close contact but are known to share a physical setting for a prolonged period with someone who has tested positive.

Examples of groups who share physical settings and may be asked to complete proximity testing include **athletic teams, faculty/staff departments with communal or shared office spaces, residence halls, classes, and clubs/organizations.**

Proximity testing will be advised when one of the following criteria is met:

- **Three or more cases within a group during a 14-day period**
- **One case with six or more close contacts from the same group**
- **The COVID positive individual attended class during their infectious period**

Individuals who meet the criteria will receive an email from the AU Affiliate Notification Team recommending that they participate in voluntary surveillance testing.



Resources

AU COVID-19 Resources Webpage and FAQs

www.american.edu/coronavirus

AU Forward Fall 2021 Health and Safety Guide

www.american.edu/coronavirus/upload/AUForward_Fall2021_HealthandSafetyPlan.pdf

Communicable Disease Policy and Health Directives

www.american.edu/policies/safety-risk-management/communicable-diseases-policy.cfm

PPE Guide

www.american.edu/coronavirus/upload/AUForward_Fall2021_PPEGuide.pdf

COVID-19 Testing Information

www.american.edu/ocl/healthcenter/covid-19-help-information.cfm

Contact Tracing and Affiliate Notification

www.american.edu/coronavirus/upload/aufoward_affiliatenotificationprogram.pdf

Event Planning and Reservation Guidelines

www.american.edu/coronavirus/upload/aufoward_fall2021_eventscheduling.pdf



A bronze sculpture of an eagle's head and neck, facing right, set against a background of dense green foliage. The sculpture is highly detailed, showing the texture of the eagle's feathers and its sharp beak.

Answering Your Questions

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