AU FORWARD:
Community Forum on Contact Tracing & Health and Safety

September 1, 2021
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

95% Students Fully Vaccinated

12,460 Fully Vaccinated Students

3,909 Fully Vaccinated Faculty/Staff

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:

- **CASE BEGINS**
  Positive test on-campus and/or Self Report Form

- **CASE OPENED**
  Assigned to AU COVID Case Coordinator

- **TRACING**
  Case Coordinator provides resources, identifies close contacts

- **NOTIFICATION**
  Case Coordinator notifies close contacts, provides guidance

- **COORDINATION**
  Information shared with DC Health to support community

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

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

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