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A PLAN FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY STUDENT RE-ENTRY

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A Strong Comeback

The Auburn Spirit is loyal and resilient. Whatever the challenge, we're up for it. Whatever the solution, we're all in. Our steadfast allegiance is perhaps more important than ever as we commit to taking the necessary precautions to keep the Auburn Family safe. The health and well-being of our community is the responsibility of every student, faculty and staff member, and citizen of Auburn.

We must be unified and fully committed to new protocols for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our dedicated task force of specialized health experts and institutional leaders have developed the *A Healthier U* initiative to promote the health and safety of our campus while minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. This all-in approach requires campus and community-wide commitment from every member of the Auburn Family. Everyone is essential to a successful re-entry.

The following pages will help students, parents, and families prepare for fall semester. We're excited to get back on campus. Let's do whatever it takes to stay strong all year long.

What Students Can Expect on Campus

We are preparing for *A Healthier U*. To promote a healthy environment, you will be expected to physically distance, frequently wash and sanitize your hands, and wear appropriate face coverings.

- + Students will be on campus this fall. There will be a modified academic calendar with classes in session from August 17 to November 24 with final exams delivered remotely.
- + New course formats will be in place this fall. Classes will be in one of the following formats: face-to-face, online, blended, or HyFlex.
- + Student Affairs will continue to provide robust out-of-class opportunities. You will still be able to get involved in more than 550 recognized student organizations, Greek Life, Campus Recreation, Welcome Week, and other experiences.
- + University Housing is working to provide a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for you. There will be some changes for fall including a **Safe and Simple Move-In** process, mandatory face coverings in both indoor and outdoor campus spaces, physical distancing in the halls, and isolation/quarantine housing if needed.

What to Bring When You Return to Campus

The health, well-being, and safety of the Auburn Family depends on each of us doing our part. We have been diligently preparing for your return to campus, and we need your help to ensure our community stays safe and well when we are reunited. Each student registered for an on-campus class this fall will receive a wellness kit containing a mask, thermometer, and hand sanitizer. As you prepare for the semester, please make sure you have each of these items on hand. However, we want you to bring plenty more. If you do not have these items, we recommend purchasing them as soon as possible. Let's work together to create a safe and healthy environment for learning, living, and exploring.

1 Thermometer



2 Hand Sanitizer



3 Face Covering



“The best Auburn experience is shared when we are together on campus, but we will need everyone’s cooperation to start and finish the school year strong.”

FRED KAM, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, AUBURN UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CLINIC

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Wear a Face Covering

Wearing face coverings greatly reduces the chances of COVID-19 transmission, protecting those around us. **Auburn requires face coverings** everywhere on campus, both indoors and outdoors. This requirement applies to everyone on campus and also extends to those attending university events held off-campus. Students will be encouraged to bring at least three face coverings with them to campus. By wearing a face covering, you can help protect the people around you and encourage others to do the same.

- + Auburn requires the use of protective face coverings in all indoor and outdoor spaces on campus, regardless of physical distancing.
- + Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose in public settings.
- + Bring comfortable, breathable, and washable face coverings with multiple layers of protection.
- + Keep multiple face coverings with you for convenience.
- + Wash face coverings after each use.

Use Hand Sanitizer

One of the best ways to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 is to frequently wash or disinfect your hands. If we all practice good hand hygiene, we can help prevent the spread of the virus together.

- + If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- + Sanitizer must be at least 60% alcohol to be effective.
- + Cover the entire surface of your hands and rub dry.
- + Always carry hand sanitizer with you for easy access.
- + Bring a large enough supply to last for the entire semester.

Check Your Temperature

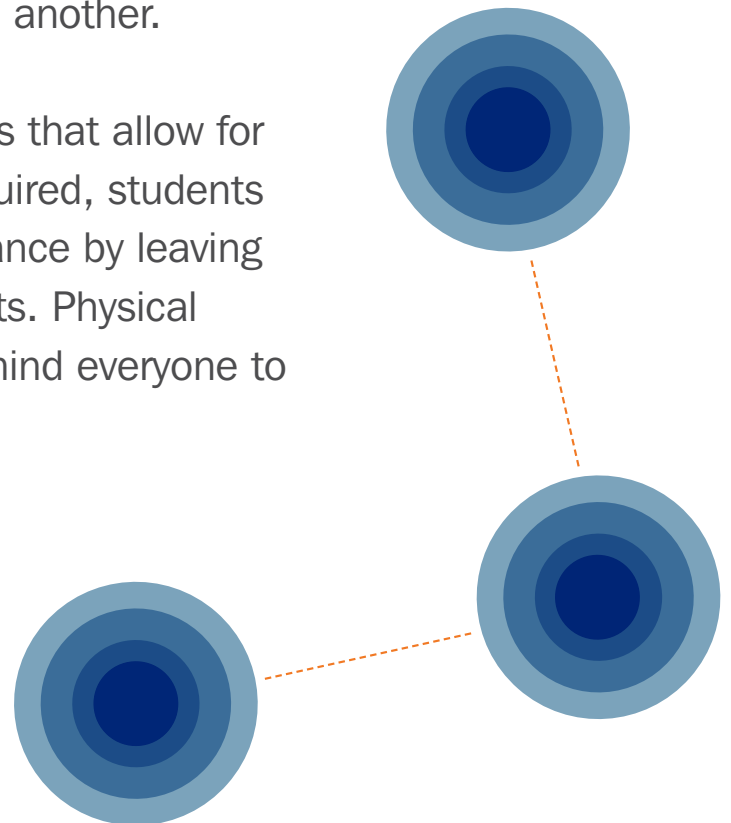
As an added degree of safety, students should make sure you bring a reliable thermometer with you to campus. Fever is a common symptom of COVID-19, so thermometers will be an important self-screening tool for everyone.

- + Normal body temperatures often range from 97°F to 99°F.
- + Digital thermometers typically provide the most accurate readings.
- + Old school and non-contact thermometers work well, too.
- + Do not take your temperature within 30 minutes of physical activity or after taking fever-reducing medications.

Practice Physical Distancing

Let's all commit to going the distance together. According to the CDC, **limiting face-to-face contact** with others is the best way to avoid exposure and reduce the spread of COVID-19. It is possible for people to spread the virus before they know they are infected and before they notice any symptoms. Therefore, classroom and laboratories will be limited to 50 percent of their total capacity, which will allow students to spread out and distance from one another.

Most academic buildings offer informal, non-classroom spaces that allow for study, teamwork, and other activities. With face coverings required, students using these spaces should maintain appropriate physical distance by leaving at least one seat open between themselves and other students. Physical distancing indicators will be posted throughout campus to remind everyone to keep a healthy distance whenever possible.



Complete a Daily Health Assessment

Auburn will provide a Healthcheck survey designed to support active health and wellness tracking across campus. The survey is a feature of the GuideSafe™ platform. Healthcheck is a COVID-19 assessment tool that allows individuals to report health status, symptoms and exposure. Students will complete a short screener each day to be cleared to enter campus. Those who report specific conditions will be instructed to contact the Medical Clinic for evaluation and possible testing. The GuideSafe™ platform will be a vital preventive measure for the entire Auburn community.



“Although the classroom experience may look somewhat different this fall, our approach will always reflect Auburn’s commitment to academic excellence and student success. As faculty, we must all remain sharply focused on upholding the health and safety of our classrooms while also continuing to deliver instruction that is so critical to our mission.”

BILL HARDGRAVE, PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Safety in the Classroom

As a part of our fall instruction planning, Auburn is adjusting class sizes to maintain appropriate physical distancing whenever possible. In addition to the Healthcheck screener, students and faculty are required to wear face coverings in all classrooms and laboratories. Maximum capacities for classrooms will be reduced to 50 percent of normal capacity. For many rooms, this can be accomplished by leaving one empty seat between each student.

Safer Learning Environments

Auburn is implementing enhanced cleaning methods to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Cleaning supplies, such as sanitizer and wipes, will also be available in classrooms, and high-touch areas will be regularly cleaned and disinfected daily.

Tech to Bring

To be prepared for the possibility of remote instruction, students should have reliable and regular access to a Windows or Macintosh computer/laptop, a webcam (built-in on the computer or as an additional USB accessory), and access to broadband Internet. Refer to the Student Specific Computer Recommendations page for guidance on specific computer recommendations based on your academic program. In the event the university has to transition to remote operations, students with electronic textbooks and other technology needs should contact the AU Bookstore at books@auburn.edu.

To complete the required daily Healthcheck screening, students will need a smartphone or laptop computer. For exposure notification, a smartphone is required.



Modified Fall 2020 Academic Calendar

To support the health, safety and well-being of the campus and broader community, and in anticipation of a possible resurgence of COVID-19 in mid- to late fall, Auburn University's fall 2020 academic calendar has been modified so that faculty and students are not required to return to campus after Thanksgiving. In the modified calendar, all instructional days occur prior to Thanksgiving, and all final exams will be administered remotely after Thanksgiving. Specific changes are as follows:

- + Fall break is replaced with class days.
- + The first two days of Thanksgiving break are replaced with class days.
- + Total instructional days are reduced from 72 to 71, allowing all instruction to conclude before Thanksgiving.
- + Two reading days are added on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.
- + Final exams are remotely administered, starting on Wednesday, Dec. 2 and concluding Tuesday, Dec. 8.
- + Fall commencement is scheduled for Dec. 12, contingent on existing health and safety guidelines.

“The more committed we are to following the new standards, the faster we can get back to enjoying the activities and traditions we know and love.”

BOBBY WOODARD, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

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The Student Experience

College is about more than classes. In addition to academics, your college experience is the time to develop skills in our 550 recognized student organizations. We are committed to creating an environment that supports the student experience while prioritizing your health and safety. Specific steps we are taking include:

- + Reformatting Welcome Week and other activities to maximize safe practices, such as increased outdoor and virtual events
- + Implementing mobile check-in through AUinvolve at all events in case contact tracing is needed
- + Ensuring events allow for physical distancing among attendees
- + Encouraging student leaders to use the **Virtual Student Organization** resources to enable vibrant student life even when students are not in the same physical space



At Home on Campus

When you are on campus, we want you to feel safe at home.

Changes to University Housing will include:

- + A **Safe and Simple Move-in Plan** that will allow for a curbside check-in process and greater physical distancing between students and their families when moving in.
- + New furniture arrangements in common spaces to provide for proper physical distancing.
- + Enhanced and increased cleaning of public areas and kits of cleaning supplies available to students.
- + A block of rooms are reserved for isolation and quarantine housing. All students who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine.



Food for Thought

When dining on campus, we want you to feel comfortable knowing that your health and safety are being considered. Tiger Dining will implement a multifaceted approach to minimize risk in dining venues on campus. Specific actions include:

- + Contactless payment will be available at all Tiger Dining locations.
- + Self-serve condiment stations will be removed from all venues.
- + GRUBHUB kiosks will be added to place grab-and-go orders.
- + Dining halls will offer limited seating and a variety of carryout options.
- + Meal kits will be available for purchase using student dining dollars.
- + New physical distanced queueing procedures will be in place, with one-way traffic through the dining locations.
- + Special dietary needs will continue to be met, and student-favorite items will be incorporated at each location.
- + Each dining location will be equipped with sanitizing wipes for students to sanitize surfaces before and after eating or studying, in addition to increased cleaning by Tiger Dining.

The Auburn Family

Parents and families are important partners in keeping our campus community safe. We want your families to be informed about what is happening on campus so they can support your success as a student.

Your parents can join the Family Portal and connect to you so they can stay informed on financial information, grades, and course enrollments. Best of all, families can receive weekly communication including campus activities and operations, resources to support students, and other critical news. Joining the Family Portal is easy and can be done here: familyportal.auburn.edu.

On-Campus Health Services

The **Auburn University Medical Clinic** provides a full range of primary, preventative, and urgent medical care services for Auburn students, faculty, staff, visitors, and members of the surrounding community. Care is provided by our team of fully licensed and board-certified/eligible physicians (MD, DO), certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNP) and certified physician assistants (PA-C), and supporting staff. TeleHealth visits are available for patients with COVID-19 symptoms, and on-site COVID-19 testing is available by appointment.

Student Counseling and Psychological Services provides comprehensive preventative and clinical mental health services to students including counseling and psychiatric services. Individual consultations by phone and tele-mental health for individual therapy, group therapy, and psychiatric services are available.

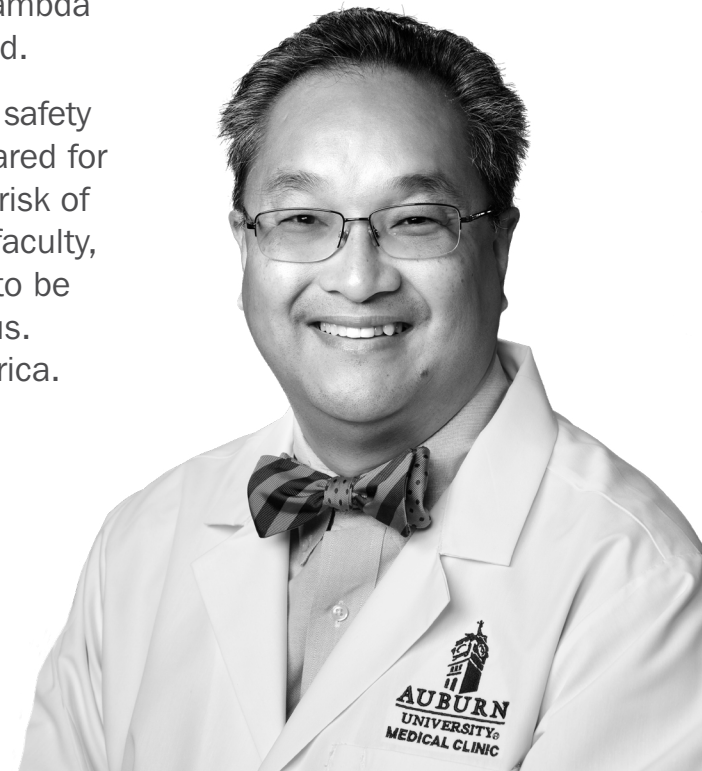
Meet Dr. Kam

As we return to campus, we must be open to change and ready to respond at any moment. There are still many unknowns, but the world's brightest medical experts are working together to develop a new vaccine at a rate never seen before. Several of the vaccines are showing significant signs of progress. We are hopeful for a breakthrough, but we do not expect to return to a complete sense of normalcy until there is an effective vaccine developed for COVID-19. Guided by the best science currently available, Auburn is preparing for a new normal.

Auburn's task force has a leader in the field and on campus – Dr. Fred Kam. As director of the Auburn University Med Clinic for the past 24 years, Dr. Kam has ensured the Auburn Family has received top medical care. Dr. Kam completed his M.D. at the University of Miami. He currently holds professorships at Auburn in the Department of Political Science, School of Nursing, and the School of Pharmacy. He is also a chapter advisor for Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. Dr. Kam was born in Trinidad and went to high school in England.

With Dr. Kam's guidance, our task force is implementing a comprehensive health and safety plan to protect our entire community for the duration of the virus. We must be prepared for changes and be patient with each other as we all make adjustments. We share the risk of being together on campus, but the responsibility is deeply personal. Every student, faculty, and staff member must commit to follow the recommended guidelines for our plan to be successful. If we think of others first, we can protect the most vulnerable among us. Let's put Auburn in the history books as one of the safest college campuses in America.

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“Do it for yourself, for your friends, for your family, and
for your Auburn community.”

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