January 24, 2022

Dear Panther Scholars,

We hope and pray that you all had a safe and relaxing winter holiday, and that you are all ready to return to on-campus living, learning, and instruction for the Spring 2022 semester starting January 31, 2022.

As we prepare for our re-opening, we wanted to share updated guidance regarding our COVID-19 protocols and procedures:

**Covid-19 Testing**

- To reduce the possibility of students arriving on-campus for the spring semester while they are COVID-19 positive, CAU requires all students, regardless of vaccination status to complete either of the following within five (5) days of arrival: 1) **request an at-home saliva-based PCR test kit at getcovidsafe.com** and complete and receive a negative result before returning to campus, or 2) complete a PCR test either with your local treating medical provider, local COVID-19 testing center, or a local pharmacy (i.e. – CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, etc.) and upload your test results to [My Panther Health Portal](https://cau.medicatconnect.com/) using the following instructions below:
  - [https://cau.medicatconnect.com/](https://cau.medicatconnect.com/)
  - Log in using your First. Last name ex: joe.brown or joe.brown2 (if you have a number).
  - Use the same password used for your student email log-in (Outlook 365).
  - Proceed to click the “Upload” tab near the top of your screen.
  - Select the dropdown arrow to highlight option “Covid-19 Results.”
  - Select your document/image that you are uploading from your computer or mobile device.
  - Select “Submit” to upload.

  If the password is the issue, you may reset your email password by going to [https://mypassword.cau.edu/authorization.do](https://mypassword.cau.edu/authorization.do). Please allow at least 30 minutes for it to sync. If you continue to experience difficulty, please contact Mrs. Dana McIntyre in Student Health Services at dmcintyre@cau.edu.

- If you receive a positive COVID PCR test result, please remain home with your family and loved ones. Send an email to [residencelife@cau.edu](mailto:residencelife@cau.edu) (if you reside in on-campus housing) and [studentaffairs@cau.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@cau.edu) (so staff in the Office of Student Affairs can notify your faculty regarding your delayed arrival).

- You are required to complete a **Rapid Antigen Test upon your arrival** for move-in (on-campus residents), or **before** the first day of classes (commuter/graduate students).

**Student Testing Frequency**

- **Fully Vaccinated**: Complete a Rapid Antigen Test or Random PCR test once a week.
- **Exempted**: Complete a PCR test weekly in the Multipurpose Room – Student Center (3rd Floor).
**Isolation and Quarantine**

- **“Isolation”** pertains to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or have experienced symptoms consistent with COVID-19 **regardless of vaccination status**.
  - During isolation, students will relocate to a temporary housing assignment for a **minimum of 10 days**. Upon leaving isolation, students must receive approval from Student Health Services staff before returning to class.
  - Students who are **asymptomatic** may test out of isolation early – this will be determined by Student Health Services staff.
  - Students who continue to have symptoms of COVID-19 after completing at least 10 days of isolation must be evaluated by a medical professional (either their personal medical provider or staff from the AUCC Student Health and Wellness Center). Medical documentation must be submitted for review to the Student Health Services staff, and once the staff reviews and approves the submission, the student can return to campus and classes.

- **Quarantine applies to vaccinated and unvaccinated students** who have come into close physical contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 and have been granted an approved exemption from receiving a COVID vaccine. The length of quarantine will be determined by the exposure date.
  - During quarantine, unvaccinated students will relocate to a temporary housing assignment for a minimum of 7 days, asymptomatic students must receive a negative PCR test result collected on day five after exposure to exit quarantine on day seven. Students should test with a rapid test twice a week while in quarantine and upon returning to campus must provide proof of a negative **PCR** test.
  - Vaccinated students who have come into close physical contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 must quarantine in their room (or off campus) **for a period of 5 days**. During this time, the student should not attend in-person classes or any campus events (but can retrieve a grab and go meal in the Crogman Eatery in the Student Center). Students must schedule a PCR test 5 days after exposure and wear a mask until they have received a negative result.

**Mask Wearing and Physical Distancing**

- **Students, regardless of vaccination status, must wear face masks** in all indoor (apart from their personal on-campus residence hall room) and outdoor spaces, and when attending large or crowded gatherings (e.g.: stadium events). The mask must cover the mouth and nose.
- Face shields do **NOT** replace mask wearing. Students who choose to wear a face shield, **must** also wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose.
- **Students, regardless of vaccination status**, are expected to observe physical distancing of **at least six feet**. In classroom settings where physical distancing cannot be maintained, masking is required for all students, regardless of vaccination status.

**Vaccination and Boosters**

- Clark Atlanta University announced that COVID-19 vaccination booster shots will be required of all eligible students starting the Spring Semester 2022. **The deadline for compliance with this requirement is February 6, 2022.**
  - Students are eligible for a booster:
    - Pfizer: 18 and older at least 5 months after vaccination series
    - Moderna: 18 and older at least 5 months after vaccination series
    - Jassen/Johnson and Johnson: 18 and older at least 2 months after vaccination dose

**Non-Compliance with COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures**

- Students who fail to abide by the University’s COVID-19 protocols and procedures (i.e. – miss a weekly COVID test, not wear a mask, etc.) will be referred to the **Office of Student Conduct** for disciplinary action.
  - Resident students who miss two COVID tests at any point of the semester will **be subject to being removed from their on-campus housing assignment**.
• Commuter students who miss two COVID tests at any point of the semester may be subject to suspension from the University.

As we continue to closely monitor local and statewide trends related to COVID-19 transmission and positivity rates, it may be necessary to revise our guidance (and we will update all members of our campus community accordingly). But know that your personal safety and well-being remains our #1 priority – and we will continue to operate through the global pandemic with this in mind always.

Best Regards,

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