

Quick Guide to the Fall 2020 Semester

Students:

Fall Schedule

There is either an “A” or “B” designation above the Date of your schedule – this designates which section of the class will have permission to be on-site or in-person for that day. Unless specifically told otherwise by your instructor, your presence on-site is not mandatory during your on-site day– if you feel more comfortable participating off-site, you will be allowed to do so on your on-site day. There will be some labs that may require your on-site or in-person presence, which means that even if you are designated to be remote for the morning, you may have to drive in after lunch for your on-site lab. Additionally, you may find that it is more convenient to physically be present in a space on campus to watch a lab remotely such that your transit and arrival to the following in-person lab is timely.

EX. SECTION “A”
HAS ON-SITE
PERMISSION FOR

Week 1		A	B	A	B	A
Time	Mon 10-Aug	Tue 11-Aug	Wed 12-Aug	Thu 13-Aug	Fri 14-Aug	
8:00 AM	Pathology (1)	Pathology (2)	Phy Dx - SA (L1A)	Elective	CPC-Awards	
9:00 AM	Clin Path (1)	Clin Path (2)	↓	Clin Path (3)	Pathology (3)	
10:00 AM	Bec (1)	Bec (2)	Bec (3)	Bec (4)	Bec (5)	
11:00 AM	Cardio (1)	Phy Dx - SA (1)	Cardio (2)	Phy Dx - EQ (1)	Cardio (3)	
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM	Pharm (1)	Phy Dx - SA (2)	Pharm (L1A)	Pharm (3)	Cardio Lab (L1)	
2:00 PM	Pharm (2)	Phy Dx - SA (3)	↓A	Immune (1)		
3:00 PM	Dean's Hour	Diversity S	Pharm (L1B)	Diversity S		
4:00 PM	Elective	↓	↓B	↓		

Class Staggering

Currently, there are no recommendations for staggering class times. The task force discussed this and preferred the combinational use of 50% classroom capacities, restroom assignments, Classroom ingress/egress strategies, and encouragement of any congregation to occur outdoors with proper physical distancing to be utilized in lieu of class staggering. If these measures do not appear to be facilitating the reduction of hallway congregation, then it can be re-visited. If the decision is made to stagger classes, then the Panopto recording system will need to be reprogrammed to account for the time difference.

Restroom Use

Class of 2024 – will use 1st floor VEC restrooms (across from student mailboxes)

Class of 2023 – will use 1st floor VEC restrooms (across from AVES)

Class of 2022 – will use 2nd floor VEC restrooms (across from student mailboxes)

Classroom Use

There will be bottles of disinfectant located at the rear of the classrooms in the window ledges, on the ramp wall, and on the teaching podium. Students and Instructors are expected to disinfect their space prior to and after use. An appointed class representative will oversee alerting administration/pharmacy when these resources are running low such that they can be replaced. **Please do not dispose of the plastic containers as they can be reutilized.** It is the responsibility of everyone in the class to make your

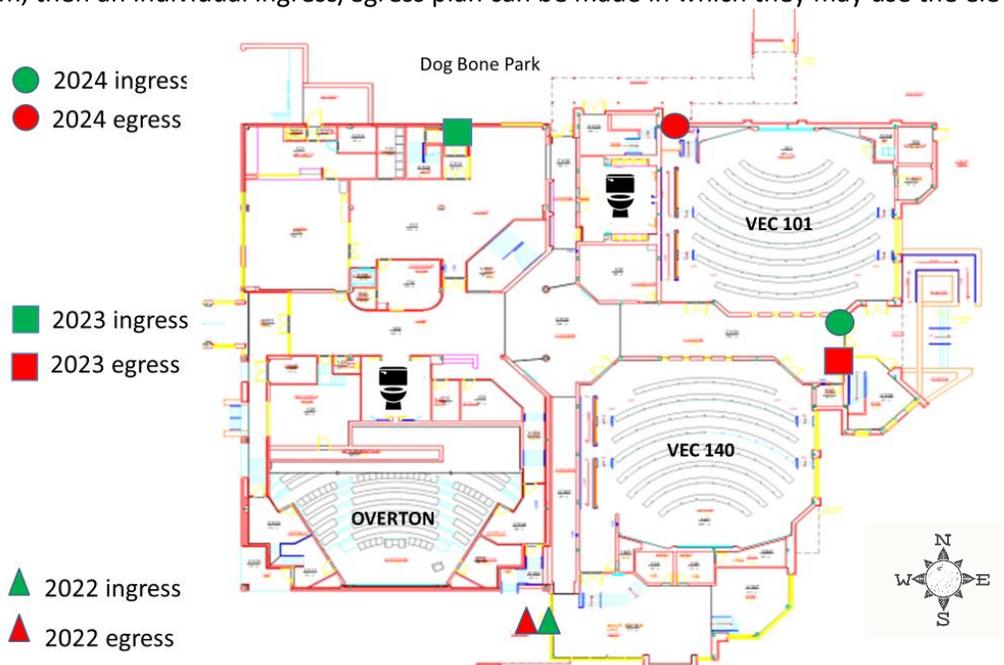
representative aware if you notice supplies are running low. The representatives for each class are: C/O 2024 – Hannah Szarenski; C/O 2023 – Tom Bunch; C/O 2022 – Chase Turner.

Classroom Ingress/Egress

Class of 2024 – Ingress via VEC main entrance – to VEC 101 west door; egress via VEC 101 rear exit – to Greene Hall Connector (if a student cannot use the stairs in the rear for egress, then a specific egress plan can be developed for the individual student)

Class of 2023 – Ingress via VEC Greene Hall connector – dog bone park/commons entrance – to VEC 140 west door; egress via VEC 140 east door to main entrance

Class of 2022 – Ingress via VEC Atrium west door – use stairs and enter VEC 240 via W door; egress via VEC 240 W door – down the stairs to exit VEC Atrium West door. (if a student cannot use the stairs in the atrium, then an individual ingress/egress plan can be made in which they may use the elevator)



Quick Response Communications

IIT will be setting up a Microsoft Teams communication platform to utilize for each class. Each class will have channels. This will be the official means by which course announcements and technical issues encountered during remote examinations will be distributed to students and instructors. Instructions can be accessed through this hyperlink: [.Joining the CVM Students Team.docx](#)

Student Clubs

All student clubs are to meet remotely. Student club wet labs and rounds will be postponed and revisited for the Spring 2021 semester.

Panopto Recordings Storage

All Panopto recordings will be stored in Class folders sub populated with a subfolder for each core course: For example: 1st Year Fall 2020/Veterinary Anatomy/..... First Year Fall 2020/Veterinary Microanatomy/...etc.

After Hours Use of Study Rooms

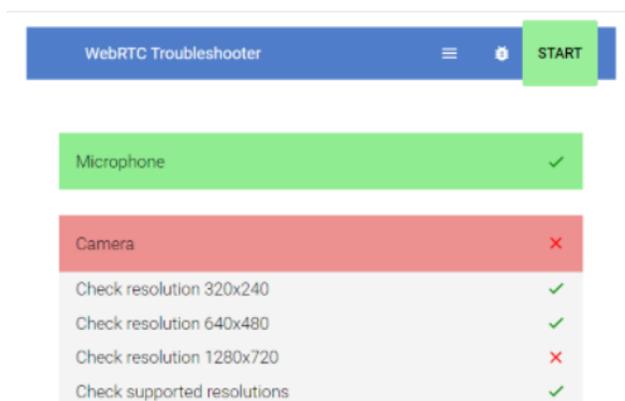
Student will be allowed to utilize rooms for study spaces after hours provided that they adhere to the maximum occupancy guidelines (posted on the door) and all biosecurity guidelines (wear masks at all times, no food or open containers for beverages, use appropriate physical distancing of 6 feet, and sanitize all surfaces before and after use). If it becomes evident that these guidelines are not being followed, these privileges may be revoked.

Webcam/Microphone Usage with Honorlock

IIT has also discovered that webcams (the majority of which also have an integrated microphone) can result in a malfunction alert for the webcam, but which represents the microphone integrated within the webcam. In other words, just because a student receives a malfunction that states the webcam is faulty, always have them check their microphone if possible because the system does not separate the two. To confirm they are working properly prior to the semester; they can go to the following website. <http://test.webrtc.org>

WebRTC Troubleshooter

After you “Start” the utility, it will give you a report of your camera and microphone’s functionality. If you have results that look like the below screenshot, you should be good to go with HonorLock.



If you have a red “X” next to Microphone OR less than 3/4 red “X” next to camera, then IIT needs to discuss a possible resolution for these issues. It does not mean you need a new computer, or you need a new camera/microphone, but you may just need some settings changed. We can investigate this before classes starting, so please email me if you got a poor report on your device.

COVID Testing Requirement

All students returning for the Fall semester must have a COVID test performed within 14 days of being on-site. **This information is still forthcoming and developing.**

Information based on **news media sources** (including the Plainsman) is as follows:

- 1) **Stay Safe Together at home testing kit** - The University said out-of-state students and early arrivals to campus will use this method. "This test will require swabbing only just inside the nostril," the University said. "The sample will be returned in the enclosed pre-paid packaging ."Students participating in the Stay Safe Together program will receive a message in their University email from testing@staysafetogether.org providing instructions on how to sign up.
- 2) **On-site** - The second method, on-site, allows students to receive their results at one of 14 testing sites around Alabama with a similar test to the home kits. "Pilot clinics will begin July 26 in limited locations, with additional locations opening the following week".
- 3) **Private Testing** - Lastly, the University said it will also accept privately conducted tests performed within 14 days of returning to campus. Those who opt for this method are asked to send their results to ahealthieru@auburn.edu via their University email address. Private tests are NOT covered by the University

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to Auburn until receiving clearance from their healthcare provider. Those who test positive must follow the quarantine and isolation of your state or location.

For FAQs and more information on Auburn and COVID-19, go to aub.ie/coronavirus.

Call 334-844-1304 or email vpsa@auburn.edu with any questions.

Information based on the **Dean's personal communications with the AU Medical Clinic** is as follows:

- 1) Auburn University WILL be offering free testing to all incoming AU students (paid by the State of Alabama from federal CARES funds). This is NOT part of the AU Medical Clinic. Testing will be conducted at Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum, but they do not seem to be set up to answer questions and receive students for testing now.
- 2) Incoming students CAN call the AU Medical Clinic and schedule testing if they want to pay for it personally or from their personal health insurance (but not Medicare or Medicaid). They would need to call (334) 844-9828 to schedule. Currently, there is a 2 to 3 day delay between scheduling and actual testing. Testing is via a drive-through service and results are known the same day. This is the way we tested incoming clinical students, residents, and interns over the summer.
- 3) There will be an option for students to be tested through a self-test. This is a test that is based on a saliva sample that is mailed to a laboratory. Results are verified by the lab for the students to present prior to classes beginning. More details later.

Faculty/Instructors & Students:

(Please note that all information pertaining to COVID testing and policy is subject to change often and to individual/situational nuance)

Stay Safe Together Program/Qualtrics Survey Procedures OR Guidesafe Healthcheck Survey

Each day, CVM students, faculty, and staff will be required to fill out a health survey.

Stay Safe Together Qualtrics Survey

The current Qualtrics Health survey (which is likely to be replaced) in use at the CVM consists of two questions that read as follows:

- 1) Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms (above what you would expect for this time of year for yourself): cough, shortness of breath, and/or fever of 100 F (37.8 C) or higher, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, conjunctivitis, or loss of smell or taste?
- 2) Have you been in direct contact over the past 1-5 days with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or who has exhibited any of the aforementioned symptoms?

If a student answers yes to any question, they will receive this automatically generated response:

"Because you indicated yes to the previous question, you are required to engage in an AU Medical Clinic screening process prior to returning to campus.

Please contact the COVID-19 dedicated telephone line during the AU Medical Clinic's normal operating hours at 334-844-9825 and identify as a "skills intense" student. You should expect to have a telehealth visit with a medical professional from the AU Medical Clinic to identify the next steps before returning to campus."

In addition to the response sent out by the survey, I (Dr. Brunson) follow up with this email:

"Good Morning Student,

I was informed that you checked "yes" to a survey question.

If this was by chance a mistake, please email Ms. Amy Bylsma (bylsmaj@auburn.edu) to let her know.

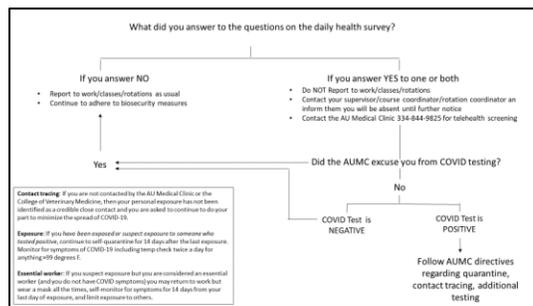
If this was not a mistake, please follow the instructions below:

1) All students, faculty, and staff answering YES to any of the two questions must engage in an AU Medical Clinic screening process. Individuals are required to contact the COVID-19 dedicated telephone line during the AU Medical Clinic's normal operating hours at **334-844-9825** and identify as a "**skills intense**" student or related employee. The student, staff, or faculty member should expect to have a telehealth visit with a medical professional from the AU Medical Clinic to identify the next steps before attending class/rotations.

2) Inform your class/rotation coordinator by their preferred method of contact that you will be delayed and/or absent to the class/rotation. If this is via email, please "cc" me on the email.

If you require COVID-19 testing, please inform me of your appointment time."

Please note that once a student contacts the AUMC, they are now subject to the instructions and guidance of the clinic, not the AUCVM.



Guidesafe Healthcheck Survey

Currently, this survey can be accessed at (<https://auaccess.auburn.edu/>). The questions that will be highlighted in this survey include:

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What is your body temperature?*

- Below 100°F
- 100°F to 101°F
- 101.1°F to 102°F
- 102.1°F or above

Within the last 14 days, have you experienced any of the following NEW symptoms or if part of a chronic condition were they worse than normal?*

<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Cough
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input type="checkbox"/> Chills
<input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Lost the sense of taste	<input type="checkbox"/> Lost the sense of smell
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose
<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea	

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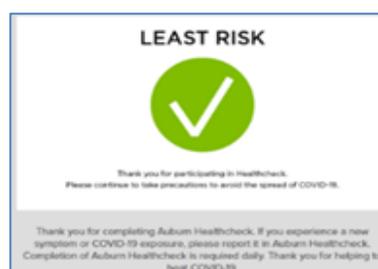
Have you been in close contact* with anyone diagnosed or under investigation with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Close contact is defined as 15 minutes or more within 6 feet of distance or household members, intimate partners, or caregivers. If exposure was in the healthcare setting, close contact is defined as exposure when not wearing the appropriate PPE.

Yes

Don't know

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Following completion of the survey, you will either receive a green check or a red check (if you receive a red check, you are NOT to report to class/rotations/work that morning).

COVID Positive Test

Any student/faculty/staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 (if they are tested outside of AUMC, they should still contact AUMC) will be contacted directly by the AUMC. The positive individual will be instructed by the AUMC how to progress regarding quarantine, contact tracing, and if any additional testing is required. The AUCVM follows the AUMC's recommendations.

These are the guidelines being followed by the AUMC as of August 3, 2020 and a link to current CDC guidelines: (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html)

- Positive/Asymptomatic – individual must self-isolate for 10 days from test results. However, if the individual becomes symptomatic within that time period, the 10 day self-isolation clock restarts.
- Positive/Symptomatic – individual must self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms and go 24 hours without fever (without the use of fever reducing medication) and show improvement of symptoms (not necessarily resolution)
- Unknown Status – if an individual is symptomatic or has been exposed but chooses not to get tested, then the individual must self-isolate for 14 days.

There is no requirement for the individual to be retested for COVID to return in all scenarios.

COVID Contact Exposure

If an individual tests positive for COVID-19 during the semester and has identified exposure of other individuals (through contact tracing performed by AUMC or the AUCVM) as a credible close contact, (credible close contact is defined as an *interaction which lasts for a period equal to 15 minutes or more in a proximity of 6 feet or less within an enclosed environment*), then the individual(s) with credible close contact will be contacted by the College of Veterinary Medicine or the AU Medical Clinic and instructed to self-monitor, self-quarantine, and consider getting tested.

If an individual believes that they have been exposed, but are not contacted by the College of Veterinary Medicine or the AU Medical Clinic, then their exposure has not been identified as a credible close contact and they are asked to continue to do their part to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Monitoring yourself for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Stay home if you feel sick or are exhibiting any of symptoms of COVID-19 and notify your supervisor.
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth when in public, including inside any campus building.
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people who are not members of your household.
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.

If you have concerns or questions related to your personal health or safety, you are encouraged to contact the AU Medical Clinic at 334-844-9825.

COVID Negative Test:

Those testing negative for COVID will be permitted to return to their normal activities and should receive this message on their AUMC patient portal.

