

Running your club/soc through Covid-19

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Due to Covid-19, we have had to make some changes to how we run our activities to ensure that we are following current safety measures set out by the government. While some activities will have to be limited or move online, we'll do our best to support you and work with you in any new ideas you have to keep your club/society running.

Now more than ever your clubs and societies are important in connecting people, preventing isolation, and helping others to de-stress from everything that's going on. Please keep on doing what you're doing!

(Note that government advice is ever-changing so this guidance might be subject to change. We'll keep in touch about any major changes and how these changes might impact you.)

Current Guidelines and what they mean for you:

Distancing

Current guidelines:

- '- meet in groups of 6 or less
- follow social distancing rules when you meet up
- limit how many different people you see socially over a short period of time
- meet people outdoors where practical: meeting people outdoors is safer than meeting people indoors because fresh air provides better ventilation'

What this means for you: We can't support any society/club meetings of groups of more than 6 students but we can now support meetings of 6 and under inside.

We are currently liaising with AUB about use of on-campus rooms for small groups and will be in touch about availability when we make any bookings. You may want to consider a mix of both in-person and online events to ensure all students can still get involved, or to commit to online meetings until you feel you're ready and able to meet in groups.

Challenges: We are exploring options for sign-ups to ensure that only 6 society members attend each meet up. You will also want to think about what you want to commit to as society members, as you may want to run multiple sessions each week so everyone has a chance to attend. Alternatively, you might be feeling overwhelmed or unable to commit to running sessions - that's okay! Just keep in contact with Nuala about what you want to do.

Face Coverings

Current guidelines: You will now need to wear a face covering when at AUB, which includes during society meet-ups. Face coverings are now mandatory as a way to minimise the spread of Coronavirus.

What this means for you:

Be prepared to advise all your society members to bring a face covering ready for the start of term and to wear one to meet-ups. And to wear one yourself!

Sports Clubs: new regulations as of 22nd Sept:

Capacity

'Indoor organised sport for over 18s will no longer be exempt from the rule of six.' - While we have been planning your club activities using the venue capacity numbers, we are now limited to rule of 6.

We are liaising with venues to see if we can keep bookings in place ready to go when restrictions are next lifted. However, we are uncertain when this will be and recommend planning other ways to keep your members engaged in the meantime, such as online socials or independent fitness challenges.

Budget

I have met with most clubs about their budgets but if we have not yet met and you would like a meeting then please contact me.

Lack of psychic abilities

Yep, still no idea what to expect and when. Bear with us...

Your wellbeing

I just want to stress that your wellbeing should be the first priority. If you are feeling overwhelmed and need a break from organising your society/club then please chat with your fellow committee members and to me so we know to support you.

You may not be in Bournemouth or feel comfortable meeting in person, even in groups on 6. This is okay! We all have different circumstances and needs - please don't do anything you aren't comfortable doing.

AUBSU's The Small Things Matter campaign is still running. Follow @aubsu_matter on Instagram for wellbeing tips and advice. If you need further support, contact student support, who are running online wellbeing, therapy and counselling sessions: aub.ac.uk/support