

Running your club/soc through Covid-19

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: 'You are able to meet indoors in groups of up to two households. Outside, you can meet in groups of up to six people who you do not live with or who are not in your support bubble.'

What this means for you: We can't support any society/club meetings of groups of more than 6 students and any meetings of 2-6 people must be held outside. That means you can organise meetings of smaller groups (6 students) outside. Because of the limit to meeting size, it may be best to meet online for the time being.

AUB may be limiting the amount of people on campus, prioritising course-related visits, so social gatherings may not be permitted, even outside on the courtyard. However, if you still wish to meet off-campus in small gatherings outside then we have a template risk assessment you can use for this.

Potential: We're hoping that we may be able to accommodate larger groups soon, providing safety measures and distancing is in place, especially so that clubs can do physical activity together, though it's likely this will still have to be outside.

Face Covering

Current guidelines: As of the 8th August the government have extended the list of places that you need to wear a face covering. Face coverings are being generally encouraged as a way to minimise the spread of Coronavirus.

What this means for you: While this doesn't name universities (yet!), it's likely that you will need one wherever you choose (and are allowed) to meet up indoors.

Be prepared to advise all your society members to wear or bring a face covering ready for the start of term. It's likely that AUB may adopt a face covering policy for campus or that a covering is needed for any indoor activities.

We've put together a post on making your own face covering here: www.aubsu.co.uk/news/article/surveys/Make-Your-Own-Face-Covering

Some issues that we're currently tackling:

Space

We're currently exploring options for space. We predict that most AUB campus space will be prioritising course-use, even into the evening. Most external venues like SportBU, gyms and sports halls have not confirmed bookings yet.

Budget

We need to look at budgeting a little differently this year, as spaces may be in higher demand due to smaller group sizes, making them more expensive and increasing the need for multiple bookings. I will work with you to help you plan your budget once funding is confirmed.

Lack of psychic abilities

Yep, the lack of clear guidance isn't helpful... So bear with us as we navigate the labyrinth that is the gov.uk website.

Freshers Fair & Term 1:

We're going all online for this year's Freshers' Fair and would like to make sure you all get the opportunity to promo your clubs/socs. We want a video from you about your club/soc just intro-ing it and promoting what you're about.

Your video should be: landscape, with decent audio (maybe don't film outside in the wind etc.) and under 1min30secs in length. Include info on who you are, what your club/soc is and what you do together. (It's probably best to keep it general or about what you did last year in case things have to change due to Covid.)

Send to us by 30/08 via email/WeTransfer: nclarke@aub.ac.uk

This year's Taster Week will be on 19/10 - 25/10, when all official clubs/socs activities will commence, though you are welcome to run online activities beforehand.