A HEALTHIER U

COMMITMENT IS CONTAGIOUS
The Auburn spirit is loyal and resilient. Whatever the challenge, we’re up for it. Whatever the solution, we’re all in. Our steadfast partnership is perhaps more important than ever, as we commit to taking the necessary precautions to keep the Auburn Family safe. The health and wellbeing 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 a campus and community-wide commitment from every member of the Auburn Family. Everyone is essential to a successful re-entry.

If we work together, we can help revive the local economy without additional setbacks. Our goal is to stay safe, so that we can stay on campus. Let’s do whatever it takes to stay strong all year long.
One Community. One Purpose.

The Auburn experience is deeply connected to our beautiful hometown, so we will need the care and cooperation of every member of our campus and community to start and finish the school year strong.

- Dr. Fred Kam | Medical Director
Guided by information from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), Auburn is developing strategic plans to reopen the university. Our mission is to create a culture of safety and accountability that extends far beyond campus into the community. We have been diligently preparing for the fall semester, and we need your help to ensure our community stays safe and well when we are reunited. The health, well-being and safety of the Auburn Family depends on each of us doing our part. We have communicated our new safety standards with incoming students and faculty. These expectations include practicing physical distancing, self-screening and reporting symptoms, wearing a face covering and using hand sanitizer. Our efforts to stop the spread of the virus cannot be contained to campus. Let’s work together to create a safe and healthy environment for learning, working, living and playing in Auburn.

How We Are Taking Care of Our College Town
The New Normal

As we prepare to return to campus operations, day-to-day life on the Plains is going to look and feel different. Here are a few of the campus-wide changes we are implementing to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

• Modifying the academic calendar to alleviate the risk of a fall outbreak
• Requiring face coverings inside all university buildings
• Monitoring health and wellness through daily self-assessment surveys
• Implementing physical distancing measures across campus
• Limiting maximum capacity inside university facilities
• Adjusting class sizes to accommodate physical distancing
• Providing testing on campus at the Auburn University Medical Clinic
It is the responsibility of every Auburn student to ensure they are upholding the official health and safety measures in place as well as taking all of the necessary precautions to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

1. **Complete COVID-19 Training** - Online learning modules will give an overview of new campus protocols and are required for re-entry.

2. **Wear a Protective Face Covering** - Face coverings are required inside university buildings and strongly encouraged in outdoor spaces.

3. **Practice Physical Distancing** - Signage will be posted throughout campus to remind everyone to stay at least 6 ft apart whenever possible.

4. **Complete a Daily Health Assessment** - Students will fill out a self-assessment survey daily, and if cleared, they will receive a virtual “passport” to enter facilities and participate in campus events.

5. **Stay Home if Sick** - Students who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days if they test positive.
As Auburn welcomes students, faculty and staff back to campus, we have made strategic adjustments to our academic calendar. These changes support the health, safety and well-being of the campus and broader community, and anticipate a possible resurgence of COVID-19 in mid-to-late fall. Classes will be in session from Aug. 17-Nov. 24 with final exams delivered remotely. Students and faculty will not return to campus after Thanksgiving. Auburn is also eliminating fall break to minimize any travel-related virus spread and to maximize our time together on campus. With a modified calendar, we are planning to stay ahead of a possible second wave.
On-Campus Testing

Auburn is leading a comprehensive effort to test and trace individuals who have been infected by COVID-19 in our community. We already have the capability to provide rapid testing on campus, and we are working to expand our testing capabilities daily. The Auburn University Medical Clinic (AUMC) will play an active role in monitoring and safeguarding campus health. As a branch of East Alabama Medical Center, AUMC is uniquely equipped to address regional health concerns.
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 Medical 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. As community partners, we must be prepared for changes and be patient with each other as we all make adjustments. If we think of others first, we can protect the most vulnerable among us. Let’s put Auburn in the news as one of the safest college towns in America.

War Eagle.
You’ve showed up for us. Now, it’s our turn to show up for you.

- Aubie the Tiger
Supporting Our Neighbors

Auburn is dedicated to protecting the health of our hometown. This could be our strongest comeback yet, but it’s going to take every single one of us doing our part and not letting up until we have completely eradicated the threat of COVID-19. The following pages include a few recommendations on how to safely welcome customers back into your businesses.
Encourage Face Coverings

The CDC recommends that all people 2 years and older, who are medically able, wear face coverings in public settings. If everyone wears a face covering, the risk of exposure to COVID-19 can be reduced for the entire community. Please consider requesting or requiring the use of face coverings at your place of business.

- Face coverings may not protect the wearer, but may keep the wearer from spreading the virus to others
- Use of face coverings is particularly important in settings where physical distancing is difficult to maintain
- The mouth and nose should be fully covered for a face covering to be effective
- The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when face coverings are used along with other preventive measures like physical distancing and hand washing
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 you have not already, please consider placing hand sanitizer stations at points of entry or high-touch areas in your place of business.

- If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (must contain at least 60% alcohol to be effective)

- Cover the entire surface of your hands, and rub dry
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. To create a safe space for everyone, maintain a 6-foot distance whenever possible. If you are not already, please consider enforcing physical distancing measures in your place of business.

- Post signage for physical distancing
- Use floor indicators
- Limit maximum capacity
- Remove tables and chairs
- Designate separate entrances and exits
Fever is a common symptom of COVID-19, so thermometers are an important self-screening tool for everyone. We encourage employers to conduct daily health checks and provide temperature screening when appropriate.

- Normal body temperatures often range from 97°F to 99°F
- Non-contact thermometers work well for contactless screenings
- Traditional and digital thermometers also provide accurate readings
- If an employee or staff member has a temperature of 100°F or higher, they should be strongly encouraged to get tested for COVID-19
Local institutions are a vibrant component of the Auburn experience. To keep our traditions strong, we must encourage patrons to diligently follow all safety precautions. According to the CDC, risk levels increase the more closely you interact with others and with longer interactions. Restaurants and bars are particularly vulnerable to the spread of the virus for these reasons. It is crucial to promote safe behavior and maintain healthy environments at every restaurant and bar in Auburn. Here are a few helpful pointers from the CDC:

- Post safety signs in highly visible areas
- Limit seating capacity and modify table arrangements to be 6 ft. apart
- Prioritize outdoor seating over indoor seating
- Use disposable menus and single-use food service items
- Offer drive-through, curbside service, take out or delivery options
Many of the beloved boutiques and retail stores in Auburn will see a surge of visitors with the return of students. In preparation, businesses should update their health and safety plans per the latest guidance from the CDC. Each place of business is unique, so consider posting signs about your specific health and safety guidelines in highly visible locations.

- Require staff to wear face coverings
- Encourage patrons to wear face coverings
- Place physical distancing reminders where appropriate
- Install protective shields in check-out areas
- Provide hand sanitizer at points of entry
Safer Social Environments

It may be possible to contract COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has been contaminated by the virus, so it is absolutely essential to maintain clean and healthy environments at all times. Auburn is implementing enhanced cleaning methods to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 on campus, and we hope each of the businesses in our community will do the same. Here are a few general guidelines from the CDC:

- Establish a disinfection routine and train staff on proper cleaning procedures
- Develop a schedule for increased, routine cleaning and disinfection
- Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces throughout the day
- Clean shared objects between each use
- Use products that meet EPA disinfection criteria