

Dear AMUN Participants,

We have been notified that a participant in the AMUN 2021 Conference has tested positive for COVID-19. Please read this information carefully, and make sure you discuss it with your delegations. Please contact the AMUN Executive Office in the Ohio Room or at mail@amun.org if you have additional questions. This is an evolving situation, and we anticipate that there may be more information in the coming days.

AMUN Covid Protocols

- All in-person participants presented proof of vaccination to AMUN staff before receiving credentials.
- All in-person participants have been expected to wear a mask in all public spaces of the hotel, including all conference areas.
- Any person who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 (or other communicable illness) has been asked to remove themselves from participation in the Conference.

Information about the positive case at AMUN

Here is the information we are able to provide, while protecting the specific identity of the affected individual.

- The representative was seated on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), representing Saudi Arabia. Any students seated near this representative would likely be considered close contacts.
- The other delegations represented by the school include Cyprus, Qatar and Niger. At this time, we know of no other positive cases among the school's delegations, although testing for this group is underway.
- The school has voluntarily withdrawn all of its participants from further participation at AMUN out of caution and respect for fellow participants; the delegation is quarantining in accordance with guidelines.

Centers for Disease Control Guidelines

1. Close Contact: The Centers for Disease Control defines a "close contact" as *Someone who was less than [6 feet away from an infected person](#) (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinical diagnosis](#)) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic people, 2 days*

before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet the criteria for [ending isolation](#).

2. Post-exposure protocols: The Centers for Disease Control recommends the following steps after a close-contact exposure:

People who are fully vaccinated should get tested 5-7 days after coming into close contact with someone with COVID-19 and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days or until they test negative. If symptoms develop, they should isolate and get tested immediately.

Testing Options

The AMUN 2021 Conference will close before the recommended 5-7 day testing timeline. We understand that this timeline has implications for travel home and for the Thanksgiving holiday. If someone in your delegation desires a test in Chicago, please refer to this list of [free testing options in Cook County, Illinois](#).

We appreciate your patience moving forward and as we gather more information. We will stay in touch via email, the *AMUN Chronicle*, and in-person announcements.