



American Model United Nations Conference Conference Update 20-23 November 2021

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One Day Until Conference: What You Need to Know

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat. Please see this logistical email about last minute information you need to know before the conference begins.

Masks are Mandatory Inside All Hotel Spaces

As a reminder, the city of Chicago, the Sheraton Grand Hotel, and the AMUN Secretariat all require conference participants to **wear masks at all times while in the hotel**. Masks must adhere to [CDC guidelines for appropriate mask-wear](#). Unmasked individuals will not be permitted to remain on the conference levels. AMUN Staff thanks you for your consideration of the health and safety of all conference participants.

Tips for Hotel Check-In

If you have not yet provided your hotel with the names of the individuals in each room, we strongly recommend that you do this before arriving at the hotel. Having the correct names on each room will significantly decrease the time required for hotel check-in.

Hotel registration should be completed at the front desk of the hotel at which your group is staying for the Conference. Please remember that hotel rooms will not be available until after 3:00 p.m. If your delegation arrives before 3:00 p.m. or must wait for rooms, AMUN has arranged for participants to use the Riverwalk Room on the lower level (2 levels below the lobby level) of the Sheraton Grand Chicago as a waiting/staging area to reduce congestion in the lobby and to provide participants some space to work.

The bellstand should be prepared to hold your luggage if needed; if there are any questions about holding luggage, please identify yourself as being with the American Model United Nations Conference. ***If you use the bellstand please be considerate of the bellhops and hotel staff. We recommend a tip of 5.00 to 10.00 USD or at least \$1 per bag.***

Reminder Regarding Hotel Payments

You must provide the Sheraton Grand Chicago with a method of payment before arriving for the Conference or you will be asked for a credit card for full payment at the time you check-in. Please be certain to take some time now to confirm that you have made appropriate payment arrangements with your hotel to prevent any delays or problems at check in.

Where is the AMUN Conference Registration?

AMUN Conference Registration will be located on the Riverwalk Promenade, on the bottom floor of the hotel. **This is a change from previous years.** AMUN registration will be open from 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 20 November. For schools arriving later, Registration will reopen in the Ohio Room after the Opening Plenary Session, at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Please remember that you will have a longer than typical wait during conference registration and that each participant must personally verify their vaccination status before they can pick up their conference credentials. These must be picked up in person and may not be acquired by a third-party. A brief sketch of the process is:

1. FA/PR (please only send 1-2 people through this process) walks through the finance/normal registration process.
2. FA/PR receives tickets to be distributed to each delegate.
3. Each individual delegate will proceed to Riverwalk B and use their ticket to go through the vaccination verification process and receive their individual credentials.
4. AMUN staff will be available to assist and answer questions throughout this process.

Make Sure You've Reviewed the Conference Agenda

Now is a good time to review the Conference Agenda. When your group registers you will receive a Conference Program for each delegate and faculty member attending AMUN; extra copies will be available throughout the week at AMUN's Conference Services.

Getting to the Conference Venue

After you've made your reservations, it's never too early to start thinking about how you'll get to beautiful downtown Chicago.

Flying in to O'Hare International Airport or Midway International Airport

Chicago has two major international airports, [O'Hare International Airport \(ORD\)](#) and [Midway International Airport \(MDW\)](#). AMUN does not recommend travelling through one airport over another, so choose whichever airport makes the most sense to your group. You have a couple of options for getting from either airport to downtown.

- Reserve an Airport Express Shuttle from O'Hare or Midway to bring you directly to the hotel.
- For O'Hare arrivals, take the [CTA Blue Line Train](#) downtown [[Map](#)]. You will need to walk or take a taxi from the CTA Station to the hotel. CTA transit times can take 45 minutes to an hour.
- For Midway arrivals, take the [CTA Orange Line Train](#) downtown [[Map](#)]. You will need to walk or take a taxi from the CTA Station to the hotel. CTA transit times can take 45 minutes to an hour.
- You can also take a taxi from either airport directly to the hotel. These trips will typically cost you \$35 from O'Hare and \$20-30 from Midway.

Driving to Conference?

Parking in Chicago can be expensive. The Sheraton Grand Chicago charges \$63 a day to park in its first-come, first-serve spaces. The next closest parking location is an [Ogden Plaza Parking](#) which is cheaper but does [require advance reservation](#) for your parking space. A list of other parking options can be [found on our website](#).

Arriving by Amtrak Train?

Make sure your train's final arrival destination is the Chicago Union Station and then either walk or take a taxi from the Union Station to the Conference Hotels. Taxis from Union Station will run around \$10-20 depending on time of arrival.

Questions, Comments or Concerns?

If you have any questions about this email, please contact us directly at mail@amun.org and we will be happy to help. As always, if you are no longer the primary contact for your school's Model UN club or class, please contact us at mail@amun.org with updated contact information or fill out our [Change of Address/Contact](#) form online.

Good Luck on Your Preparations,

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