

American Model United Nations Conference Preparation Newsletter 19-22 November 2022

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AMUN's 2022 Vaccination & Mask Policy

This important communication will outline the 2022 Vaccination & Mask Policy. To ensure that all students participating in the 2022 are fully aware of this year's policy, please forward this communication to all of your student participants.

Vaccinations Are Mandatory

Vaccinations will once again be required for all attendees. An attendee will be considered in compliance with this policy if they have both completed the primary course of vaccinations and received a vaccine (primary or booster) after 15 July 2022. For most participants, this will involve receiving the recent bivalent booster. As of 2 September, the Centers for Disease Control is strongly encouraging that each person receive the Omicron-Variant Vaccine Booster. AMUN also strongly encourages all participants to have their seasonal flu vaccination before the conference. Please begin communicating this requirement to your participants. AMUN also encourages you to stay abreast of, and adhere to, any additional recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the State of Illinois, and/or the City of Chicago.

As we are offering options for <u>virtual participation</u>, at this time, no exemptions will be granted. Please contact us at <u>mail@amun.org</u> to discuss specific cases.

The full policy and more information about verifying compliance for this requirement will be forthcoming. Refusal to comply with the vaccine requirement will result in ejection from the Conference.

Masks Are Mandatory

AMUN will require all credentialed attendees to wear a mask at all times while on the Conference levels of the hotel. These masks must adhere to State of Illinois and CDC guidelines and must cover the mouth and nose at all times. We define the conference levels as the following areas of the Sheraton Grand Chicago:

- Lower Level: also referred to as the Riverwalk level, this is the site of the Rules and Roleplaying sessions on Saturday, the nighttime social area for representatives, and the location for the representative dance.
- Level 2: This floor is one level below the hotel lobby and houses all of the AMUN Offices, the International Court of Justice, the International Press Delegation and all FA/PR scheduled events.

• Level 4: Also referred to as the ballroom levels, this area has all other conference simulations, AMUN registration, and AMUN's Conference Services.

Any participant not wearing a mask will be asked to put one on immediately or leave the conference level. There are no exceptions to this policy. Any students or faculty advisors unwilling or unable to adhere to this policy are encouraged to remain home and attend AMUN's virtual simulation. Refusal to comply with the mask policy will result in ejection from the Conference.

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,

Christina R. Johnson 2022 Secretary-General Shannon L. Dunn AMUN Executive Director

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