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2023 Conference COVID Policy

Greetings from the AMUN Secretariat,

This important communication will outline the 2023 Vaccination & Mask Policy. To ensure that all students participating are fully aware of this year's policy, please forward this communication to all of your student participants.

Vaccinations Are Strongly Encouraged

AMUN is strongly encouraging, but not requiring, that all participants at the in-person AMUN Conference have up-to-date COVID vaccinations prior to attending the conference. Up-to-date vaccinations include the complete primary course of vaccinations against COVID-19 as well as one or more boosters. The Centers for Disease Control strongly encourages that each person receive the Omicron-Variant Vaccine Booster ("bivalent booster"). We encourage all participants, in particular those who are not vaccinated, to take a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to the start of the Conference and to stay home should they test positive or feel ill.

AMUN is aware that this policy may present hardship for some participants. To encourage inclusion for the widest possible number of participants, AMUN offers a virtual simulation.

AMUN also strongly encourages all participants to have their seasonal flu vaccination before the Conference.

Masks Are Optional

AMUN will encourage, but not require, attendees to wear a mask while on the Conference levels of the hotel. Masking is strongly encouraged for anyone who is not vaccinated or is more vulnerable to COVID-19.

AMUN reserves the right to re-evaluate this masking policy should the CDC recommendations or local Chicago guidelines change.

AMUN will not tolerate harassment of any participant regarding vaccination status or masking choices.

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,

Jared M. Meville 2023 Secretary-General Shannon L. Dunn AMUN Executive Director

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