

Dear students,

We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to BUiD this month. Although the pandemic is not yet behind us we hope that with the careful measures taken by the UAE Government, for which we are all grateful, we are on the road to recovery.

Please note that BUiD students will attend classes in a hybrid mode of delivery, online and on campus. The new academic year at BUiD starts on Saturday 18 September. Clear details of this will be posted on Blackboard for each module.

As mandated by the UAE Ministry of Education and in the interests of safety and for the benefit of every student, staff, and visitor, BUiD requires all eligible students to have taken two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine before the start of classes.

Please read the following notes carefully and ensure you adhere to them:

1. All students, including those who have been completely vaccinated, must submit a negative PCR test (48 hours validity or less) on their first visit on campus.
2. Students who are fully vaccinated do not need to present a PCR test after the first visit.
3. Free PCR testing for students is now available at selected SEHA facilities in the UAE (https://twitter.com/UAE_BARQ_EN/status/1432338098071932928).
4. All students are required to take both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine except students with exemptions as specified by the relevant UAE Government health authorities (<https://www.mohap.gov.ae/en/AwarenessCenter/Pages/covid-19-vaccine-exemption.aspx>).
5. Students exempt from taking the vaccine due to medical reasons are required to provide official supporting documents (uploaded via the MoHAP website) and a negative PCR test every visit to campus.
6. Students may take any of the vaccines approved by the UAE Government.
7. Students who develop any symptoms (fever, temperature, persistent cough etc.), or become infected with COVID-19 must not come to campus. They must inform Student Administration by email covid@buid.ac.ae as soon as possible and follow the quarantine advice from relevant UAE Government health authorities. A negative PCR test taken within the last 48 hours will be required for students to return to campus following a COVID-19 infection.

8. Students and visitors are required to download the Al Hosn app. BUiD staff will check the vaccine/exemption status and PCR test results on the Al Hosn app.
9. Visitors are required to have a green status on the Al Hosn app.
10. Students returning to the UAE from abroad are expected to be fully vaccinated with two doses.
11. BUiD reserves the right to refuse entry on campus to any student who does not provide proof of two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, or proof of exemption from vaccination with a valid PCR test result.
12. Before coming to campus, students must upload their proof of vaccination or proof of their exemption for checking by Student Administration by [clicking here](#).
13. In accordance with health precautions and social distancing rules, the University Library is open with a limited capacity.
14. All examinations will be held on campus.
15. Gatherings are strictly prohibited outside the classrooms.
16. Students must leave the campus after the classes.
17. Classrooms will be closed after the sessions.
18. Facemasks must be worn at all times on campus.
19. There will be no vending machines or water dispensers on campus.
20. Those failing to comply with the policies and regulations will be subject to disciplinary action.
21. If you have any questions, please email us at covid@buid.ac.ae

We look forward to welcoming you to BUiD campus and seeing you all in person.

Good luck in your studies.

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