

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT
Office of the President



March 1, 2020

Dear AUB community,

I am writing to inform you that following discussions between the minister of education and Lebanon's leading private universities—AUB, LAU, and USJ—we have agreed to suspend all student-related activities on campus for one week from March 2, 2020 as part of national efforts to contain the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

We have taken this step in compliance with the government's decision, to provide an opportunity to educate the public and our own community about coronavirus, and to reassure students and parents who had expressed concerns about the safety of their children. Classes will be delivered online while the libraries and Charles Hostler Student Center will close. Faculty and staff are expected to report to work as usual.

Anxiety about coronavirus is understandable but the government has informed us that as of today the virus is not widespread in Lebanon. We encourage our students, faculty, and staff to take the lead in educating themselves about the symptoms of the disease, knowing which groups are at high risk, and following the simple steps you can take to avoid being infected or infecting others.

Please check the AUB website and follow us on social media for further updates.

Best regards,

Fadlo R. Khuri, MD
President