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Dear colleagues,

While we have no information on how the situation in Lebanon will evolve, the university continues to prepare for various contingencies, with the safety of our community as a top priority. And while a few faculty members and some of our students have decided to leave the country temporarily, our campus remains open, vibrant, a space for community and solidarity. We intend to continue operating in the full sense of a university; accordingly, your presence and engagement are of critical importance. Staff members who have compelling reasons to travel for a limited period must seek approval from their unit heads and HR as it requires adopting necessary measures to maintain continuity in service commitments. For further questions or clarifications, please contact hr@aub.edu.lb.

For some time now, we have been working on reactivating our Safety Wardens program and the time could not be more appropriate to kick-start it. We will be calling for an introductory session this coming week and we depend on the participation and cooperation of all those concerned.

Events that bring the community together, promote wellness and self-care, and maximize our ability to stay focused on what matters most in these exceptional times are also encouraged. In this spirit, the [Mental Health Council](#) is planning a series of activities, starting with offering spaces for all members of the community to come together and give/receive support (either virtually or in person). Announcements of those activities will be coming soon.

Open lines of communication are always important, and even more so now. You will continue receiving messages from us whenever there are any updates on our preparedness and continuity plans.

Take care and stay safe,

Mary Jaber Nachar
Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff
