

Tertiary Institutions and Universities



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Traditionally, post-school education at tertiary institutions and universities is about making new friends and having fun while earning a diploma or degree. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed this picture, but fun can still be had if precautions are taken.

Although various institutions have slightly different approaches to the COVID-19 pandemic, the things they have in common are:



- Infrastructure and facilities that meet the requirements for the return of staff and students.



- A communication system to alert students and staff to return to campus or residences if the Alert Levels allow.



- Identified isolation and quarantine facilities.



- Protocols for any staff or students who present with symptoms or test positive.



- Daily screening (and COVID-19 testing where symptoms dictate) of all staff and students entering the campus.



- Sanitisers at the entrance of every facility in use.



- Ongoing cleaning and sanitising of all surfaces at regular intervals in line with the regulations.



- Frequent cleaning and sanitising of high-risk areas for example the library and laboratories.



- Teaching and learning plans that ensure that physical distancing and other health protocols are observed at all times.



- Hybrid learning that includes in-person attendance and online learning.



- Large class teaching with more than 50 people in a venue is prohibited throughout.

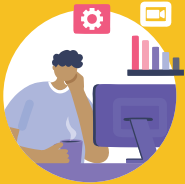


- Use of libraries is allowed as long as social distancing and mask-wearing requirements are adhered to.



- Any smaller classes where appropriate physical distancing cannot be observed are also prohibited.

While exercising the hybrid model of learning, students are encouraged to:



- Leverage the online learning platform of respective learning institution.



- Follow the learning institution on social media for any announcements.



- Look out for any emails or announcements from your learning institution.



- Stay in contact with other students via your phone or social media.



- Keep in contact with student societies and student chapters via social media.

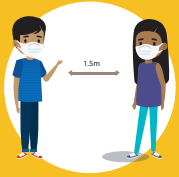


- Continue to practise safe hygiene practices at home.



- Prepare yourself for strict safety regulations when you return to campus should your institution allow it.

Requirements on campus for institutions that allow campus learning:



- Maintain social distancing in lecture rooms.



- Have your temperature taken during screening at all entrances to the campus.



- Wear a mask.



- Sanitise and wash your hands regularly.



- Avoid attending large gatherings.

Returning to campus after a positive test or isolation:



- Students who want to return to university after testing positive for COVID-19 need to have proof that they have completed the isolation period or have a healthcare practitioner confirm their fitness to return to campus.

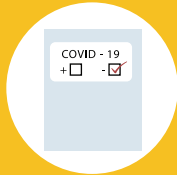


- People who isolate themselves after coming into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 may return to campus after they have not developed symptoms in 10 days.



- Staff members and students returning to campuses after quarantine, must wear a mask at work or in lectures at all times.

Returning to campus after a positive test or isolation continued:



- Accommodation based students are advised to vacate hostel rooms immediately, should they test positive for COVID-19, for the relevant isolation period.



- Affected student hostel rooms must remain closed for a period of 24 hours, and thereafter cleaned and sanitised by a professional cleaning team.



- International students may return to a campus, as long as they have met the travel and certification requirements required for international travel.

Reference

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>

Isolation periods:



- Asymptomatic patients:
10 days from the time of a positive test.
- Mild disease:
10 days from onset of symptoms.
- Moderate or severe disease:
10 days following clinical stabilisation (when the person no longer requires oxygen)



- There is no need to test/retest at the end of the isolation period.