Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor
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Progress update: Phased return of senior and first-year students

Dear Students, Colleagues and Stakeholders

The return of senior students to their places of residence since 26 August 2020 has progressed smoothly and we trust that everyone is settling in and continuing with remote multimodal learning, either online or with the printed materials provided.

In line with the University’s revised plans submitted to the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), students, including master’s and doctoral students, will commence with laboratory work from 7 September 2020. TUT’s bus transport services will also start operating on the same date.

As from 14 September 2020, face-to-face teaching will begin for final-year students, namely third- and fourth-year professional degree, B Tech, advanced diploma and honours students, while multimodal teaching will continue. The timetable for contact teaching will be issued on 1 September 2020.

Although the country is now at level 2 of the risk-adjusted strategy, adherence to international and national COVID-19 protocols and regulations are still critical. This includes wearing face masks, regular washing and sanitising of hands, as well as maintaining social distancing protocols. In addition, and in line with national regulations, restrictions on social gatherings and the curfew from 10pm to 4am, remain in place to prevent the spread of the disease. Movement on campus will also be limited.

Please play your part in ensuring the health and safety of your fellow-students and staff members.

Students are reminded to download Higher Health’s COVID-19 digital risk assessment and mapping tool, HealthCheck, on their phones for daily self screening.

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Please report all COVID-19 cases immediately to assist the Department of Health and TUT in managing the pandemic at healthreports@tut.ac.za. For your convenience you will find the reporting form on www.tut.ac.za.

**The phased return of first-year students to residences will commence from 14 September 2020.** Based on the University’s revised plan, face-to-face teaching for first-year students will commence on 21 September 2020, while multimodal teaching will continue.

An announcement with regards to the return of second-year students will be made once the national lockdown regulations have been revised to level 1.

We welcome back our senior students and look forward to reintegrating our first-years in September, as well as our second-year students when the lockdown is adjusted to level 1.

Kind regards


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