



Memorandum

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To: Staff and Students
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Subject: **Adjusted alert level 2 lockdown and high risk of a third wave**

The COVID-19 Campus Biosafety Task Team would like to thank staff and students for assisting the University to comply with all the COVID-19 protocols which are governed by the lockdown regulations as determined by the National Command Council on COVID-19. However, the Task Team is still concerned about the behaviour and attitude of staff and students who do not heed the call to observe the basis COVID-19 lockdown regulations and the basic preventative measures such as wearing of masks and keeping social distancing while on campus.

President Cyril Ramaphosa announced on Sunday, 30 May 2021 that the country has moved to Adjusted Alert Level 2. He further stated that several provinces have reached the threshold of a third wave of COVID-19 infections and the country is at high risk of entering a third wave. Prof Ramneek Ahluwalia, CEO of Higher Health, shared light in support of President Ramaphosa's statement, on how those that are in the PSET environment should endeavour to do to keep our campuses safe. "The time is now for us as a community to leverage the experience, knowledge and practice gained over the last 18 months to ensure a healthy campus community" he said. Below is the Higher Health Newsletter with a comprehensive COVID-19 related information for your consideration.



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Staff and students are reminded to consider the fact that Sedibeng District remains a hot spot for COVID-19 infections and adhere to the set lockdown regulations in order to minimise the risks of infections on campus. The University will continue to fog all areas where COVID-19 cases are reported to prevent the further spread of the virus. Below is the table of COVID-19 statics in South Africa, with Gauteng being the highest.

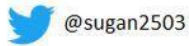
COVID - 19 STATISTICS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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#	Province	Cases last 14 days	Cases		Deaths		Recoveries		Current Hospital Numbers		
			Total	New	Total	New	Total	New	Admitted	ICU	Ventilated
1	Gauteng	26 277	465 668	+2 765	14 121	+24	434 452	+676	2 956(+90)	724(+56)	322(+32)
2	Free State	6 542	102 786	+434	4 392	+12	89 891	+201	674	93(+2)	83(+1)
3	N. Cape	5 742	51 792	+396	1 129	+3	42 067	+218	337(+6)	45(+2)	57(+3)
4	North West	5 292	77 398	+493	2 118	+8	69 003	+288	671(+25)	70(+9)	46(+2)
5	W. Cape	4 376	295 048	+480	11 837	+14	279 217	+320	882(+25)	146(+7)	45(+3)
6	Mpumalanga	2 698	83 243	+263	2 599	+2	79 846	+62	217(+7)	65(-1)	43(+1)
7	KZN	1 920	340 393	+174	11 050	+3	325 245	+65	434(-10)	67(+5)	33(-1)
8	E. Cape	1 377	198 239	+157	11 668	+4	185 504	+20	134(+4)	22(+1)	10
9	Limpopo	1 164	65 806	+198	2 760	+3	62 410	+101	102(+3)	8	8(-2)
TOTAL		55 388	1 680 373	5 360	61 674	73	1 567 635	1 951	6 407(+150)	1 240(+81)	647(+39)

New tests	Tests and positivity for the previous 7 days							Vaccines		
43 776	W:45 484	Tu:36 667	M:24 669	Su:31 523	Sa:39 618	F:39 802	Th:43 442	Brand	Total	New
12.2%	12.7%	9.9%	11.3%	11.9%	11.4%	11.5%	10.2%	Pfizer (1st)	713 584	+75 783
								J&J (Trial)	479 768	0

Source: NICD and Department of Health



You are all requested to continue to observe level 2 COVID-19 lockdown regulations in order to save lives. Remember to wear your masks, wash your hands regularly, sanitize your hands, keep social distancing of 2m in mind and leave the campus as soon as you have complete business of the day.

Kind regards,

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