

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

Protocols for staff and students who have travelled abroad or who may have had exposure to international visitors.

Further to the University statement that was circulated on Monday advising you of the various decisions made at the combined meeting of Executive Management, the Executive of Senate and the DUT Covid-19 Response Team, as well as national guidelines from the President and Government Ministers, please find below the applicable protocols that the University will be implementing and following as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

- All staff and students who have travelled abroad for official purposes from 14 February 2020, must self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their return and report this self-quarantine to their Head of Department/Line Manager.
- All staff and students who have travelled internationally from 14 February 2020 or intend travelling in their private capacity are required to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their return and report this self-quarantine to their Head of Department/Line Manager.
- All staff and students who have had exposure to international visitors, who have been in South Africa for 14 days or less at the time of contact, will be expected to self-quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of contact and report this self-quarantine to their Head of Department/Line Manager.
- All staff and students who contract the virus, either as a result of official or private travel, will not be allowed to return to work, class or resume their stay at residence, until they are pronounced medically fit to do so by the relevant health authorities. They must submit a medical certificate confirming that they have tested negative for Covid-19, before returning to campus or residence.
- All staff members affected by the clauses above are required to alert their Head of Department/Line Manager, a minimum of 48 hours before they intend to report for work. Students affected by the clauses above are required to alert the Dean of Students, 48 hours before they intend to return to the University.

Please note that this is a rapidly evolving epidemic in our country, as such the above measures are necessary during this phase and will be adapted to meet future contingencies.

We thank you for following these protocols as we all fight to combat the spread of Covid-19 and to mitigate the associated risks attached to the outbreak.

Sincerely,

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