

## UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DUT COVID-19 RESPONSE TASK TEAM

8 July 2020

Dear staff and students

#### NEW CASES OF COVID-19 ON CAMPUS

We regret to announce that five new cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the DUT community today. This means that we now have a total of 14 people who have tested positive for the coronavirus. The group of 14 includes nine staff members and five students and they were all based on our Durban campuses. We pray for their safe and successful return to good health.

As a result of the latest five confirmed cases, the relevant Heads of Department have implemented contact tracing. The affected physical spaces will also be disinfected. The University will continue to implement our COVID-19 Response Plan for each confirmed case.

The DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team reminds all students and staff to please be extra vigilant and to adopt all of the published precautions, to help limit and to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. This includes:

- Wear a face mask whenever you leave your place of residence.
- Practice physical and social distancing, stay a minimum of six feet apart from other people.
- Do not gather in groups.
- Wash your hands regularly, using water and soap for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Disinfect frequently touched surface areas.

All staff and students are reminded to use the HealthCheck online screening form **before** they enter campus.

<https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za/>

For those who cannot use the HealthCheck online form, manual screening is taking place at all campus entrances. The manual screening does take time, so please be prepared for delays.

We also remind all students and staff that face masks are compulsory at all times, whilst you are on campus or in residence.

The Task Team has established a dedicated email address for all COVID-19 related enquiries. You can email your questions and comments to: [covid-enquiries@dut.ac.za](mailto:covid-enquiries@dut.ac.za).

Please note that a COVID-19 Hotline is in place at DUT and it will be staffed during office hours. The telephone number is: **031 373 3760**.

After hours, staff and students may contact 0600 123 456 (via What's App); or the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) Hotline on 0800 029 999; or telephone the National COVID-19 Call Centre on 012 337 1997.

Please continue to take every precaution to protect yourself against COVID-19. The infection rate in South Africa is rapidly increasing on a daily basis and we must work together, to limit and to prevent the further spread of the virus on campus and in our country.

Sincerely

DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team



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