

UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

10 September 2021

DUT COVID-19 RESPONSE TASK TEAM WEEKLY STATEMENT

Dear staff and students

This week, DUT reached a milestone when WE launched our own, on-campus COVID-19 Vaccination Centre for students, staff and alumni.

The DUT Vaccination Centre, operating in partnership with the Department of Health, is providing life-saving vaccination to drastically reduce the recipients' chances of death, hospitalisation and/or serious illness from COVID-19. Earlier this week, excitement was high on the first day of vaccination, as members of the DUT SRC led by example and were amongst the very first to get vaccinated after the Vaccination Centre was opened by members of the DUT Executive Management team. Here is the story published on our website: <https://www.dut.ac.za/dut-covid-19-vaccination-centre-off-to-a-good-start/>

The DUT Vaccination Centre is open on weekdays until **Wednesday 15 September 2021**, from 08h30 to 15h30. Students, staff and Alumni are encouraged to take this opportunity for a quick and easy vaccination at the DUT Hotel School, which is located on the Ritson campus.

If all students and staff are vaccinated, we will slowly be able to return to “normal” teaching and learning, with in-person lectures, assessments, graduations and campus activities. For further information on the DUT Vaccination Centre, please email francesh@dut.ac.za – so play your part and **#DUTGETYOURJOB**.

Infections in KZN highest in SA

This week's COVID-19 statistics place KwaZulu-Natal firmly at the epicentre of the pandemic. Currently, the province has over 60 000 people infected with COVID-19, accounting for nearly 42% of active infections in the country. Now is the time to exercise maximum caution by adhering to the prevention measures and getting vaccinated as a matter of urgency.

If you are able to, please register on the national Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS) before going to get your vaccination.

You can click on the link <https://vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za/#/> or you can register by dialling *134*832*IDNumber# and if you do not have an ID number, please dial *134*832# instead. You can also register via WhatsApp by sending the word **REGISTER** to **0600 012 3456**. If you are unable to register in advance, you will be registered at the DUT Vaccination Centre.

Here are the latest COVID-19 statistics for the DUT community:

TOTAL NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES:	304
TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF WHO TESTED POSITIVE:	167
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO TESTED POSITIVE:	137
NUMBER OF NEW CASES TO REPORT:	3
NUMBER OF NEW CASES (Students):	0
NUMBER OF NEW CASES (Staff):	3
LOCATION OF NEW CASES:	Durban 3 & PMB 0
NUMBER OF RECOVERIES:	291 (Student 133, Staff 158)
Total Number of Deaths:	10 (7 staff & 3 student).
Total Number of Active cases:	3 (0 students & 3 staff)
HAS CONTACT TRACING COMMENCED FOR NEW CASES:	Yes
HAS DISINFECTION OF AREAS COMMENCED FOR NEW CASES:	Yes

We pray for the safe return to good health for all those who are fighting the infection.

In conclusion, we appeal to the DUT community to please follow the basic prevention measures and to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Please **avoid gatherings** wherever possible and **avoid poorly ventilated venues; wear a mask** securely covering your nose and mouth; **stay a minimum of 1.5 metres** away from all other persons; and **clean your hands** frequently with soap and water or with a minimum 70% alcohol-based hand sanitiser.

Please take care, stay safe and stop the spread.

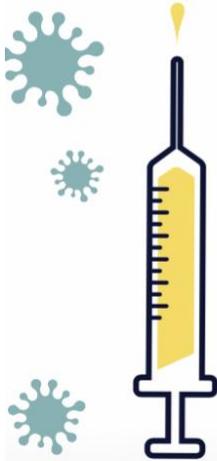
Sincerely

DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team

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#DUTVACCINATES

DON'T HESITATE. VACCINATE!



CALLING ALL DUT STUDENTS, STAFF & ALUMNI

YOU ARE INVITED TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

8-15 DUT Hotel School
SEPT Ritson Campus
2021 Weekdays
08h00 - 15h30



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All you will need is:

- Identity Document
- Student/Staff Card
- Green Result from Health Check



DUT - BRINGING VACCINATION TO YOU!



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