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UNIVERSITY STATEMENT

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Dear staff and students

COVID-19 UPDATE: NEW CASES ON CAMPUS

The DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team regrets to announce that we have eight new confirmed cases of COVID-19 on campus. Since our last statement to you on Wednesday afternoon, we can now confirm that three students and five staff members have tested positive for the coronavirus. Seven of the new cases are based in Durban and one is in Pietermaritzburg. The eight new cases are now all in isolation, as per the recommended guidelines. As a result, we now have a total of 22 confirmed cases of COVID-19, comprising of 13 staff members and 9 students. We continue to pray for their safe and successful return to good health.

The affected physical spaces on campus will be disinfected and contact tracing, related to the eight new confirmed cases, will be conducted by the relevant Heads of Department.

As of last night, South Africa had a total of 238 339 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Yesterday, the Minister of Health announced 13 674 new cases. This was the biggest, single-day increase of confirmed cases in the country. Sadly, 3720 people have passed on due to the coronavirus. On a positive note, 113 061 people have successfully recovered. Yesterday, South Africa was 4th in the world, out of 213 countries, for new daily infections. We are 13th on the global list for the most number of total infections.

The DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team reminds students and staff to please adopt all of the published precautions, to help limit and to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

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 please 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 the use of a face mask is compulsory at all times, whilst you are on campus or in residence.

Our University has a dedicated email address for all COVID-19 related enquiries. You can email your questions and comments to: covid-enquiries@dut.ac.za.

A COVID-19 telephone hotline service is in place at DUT. The hotline will be staffed during office hours. The telephone number is: [031 373 3760](tel:0313733760).

After hours, staff and students may contact [0600 123 456](tel:0600123456) (via What's App); or the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) Hotline on [0800 029 999](tel:0800029999); or telephone the National COVID-19 Call Centre on [012 337 1997](tel:0123371997).

Please stay safe and follow the advice to wear a mask, wash your hands, sanitize frequently touched surface areas and importantly, to observe social and physical distancing.

Sincerely

DUT COVID-19 Response Task Team