

# COMMUNIQUÉ

## Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology

### Resumption of studies in Higher Education Institutions and Training institutions

In the light of the decision taken by Government to open all education institutions as from 01 July 2020, the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology wishes to communicate the following in respect of Higher Education Institutions and Training Institutions:

#### 1. Sanitary measures

The resumption of studies should be held in an organised and orderly manner with all sanitary precautions and hygienic conditions to be observed at the institutions.

In essence, institutions should provide for, inter alia:

- (i) the cleaning and disinfection of the premises
- (ii) temperature checking on morning arrival
- (iii) the wearing of masks for staff and students
- (iv) use of hand sanitisers in strategic places
- (v) regular handwashing by students and staff
- (vi) observance of cough etiquette
- (vii) operation of canteens with strict sanitary and food-handling precautions

#### 2. Delivery of lectures

All institutions, whether public or private, may resume all face to face assessments, laboratory works, supervisions of dissertations and projects, and lectures as from **Wednesday 01 July 2020**.

#### 3. Examinations

Institutions will have to ensure that equity and fairness prevail in deciding on the dates for the holding of examinations. Examinations, as per normal practice, may be conducted as from the **01 July 2020**. All sanitary measures need to be respected for any examinations to be held prior to **01 July 2020**.

#### 4. Students queries

Students having any specific concerns relating to their studies are requested to contact their respective institutions.

#### 5. International Students

International students who have returned to their countries will continue to have their programmes online pending the resumption of international flights. International students may contact the Higher Education Desk at [studymauritius@govmu.org](mailto:studymauritius@govmu.org) or 230 6015302 for any further information.

6. Heads of Institutions should liaise with the Ministry of Health and Wellness for a Covid-19 testing of all academic and non-academic staff prior to the resumption of studies. Heads of institutions should also request canteen holders and their staff to also undergo Covid-19 testing.
7. Parents or Responsible Parties should be advised that in case their wards show flu-like symptoms, persistent cough or fever, they should not send them to the institutions, and seek medical advice accordingly.
8. Heads of institutions are requested to complete all arrangements for the availability of all necessary items and materials that will be needed to ensure a safe and secure environment in institutions.

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