

Summary Safety Protocols Covid-19

Return to Campus Screening

1. All students are required to download the **SA COVID Alert** app on their phones before they return to campus. This app monitors and informs the user of possible exposure to a person who has contracted the virus and is completely anonymous.
2. All students are required to fill out the **Higher Health HealthCheck** on the day of arriving back to campus, the results (must not be older than 24 hours) will be checked before students enter the campus. The check can be accessed through: <https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za>
3. Upon arrival at the campus, students are required to report at the main gate. All other entrances to the campus are closed off. At the main gate, the following screening will take place:
 - a. Check whether SA COVID Alert App has been installed on the student's smartphone.
 - b. Check whether the Higher Health, *HealthCheck* has been filled out in the last 24 hours. The check shows a green tile when the check was completed successfully.
 - c. Take the student's body temperature. The temperature should be below 38 degrees celcius.
 - d. Disinfect the student's hands.
 - e. Register the student's name.
4. Any irregularities observed during access screening will be reported to the Health & Safety Officer, Mr. Bongani Bavuma, who will make decisions on actions to be taken.

Screening after Initial Return

1. Students and staff are required to fill out the **Higher Health HealthCheck** every morning and this will be checked upon (re)entering the campus: <https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za>
2. The temperature of students and staff is recorded whenever they (re)enter the campus and on set days in the residences.

General Campus Safety Protocols

1. On campus, a face mask must be worn at all times. Face masks should be made of cloth. 'Bufs' or 'face shields', by directive of Higher health, are not allowed. When you are outside and you are not in the presence of others you may take it off briefly. Staff may take it off in their individual offices and students may further take it off in their dorms unless they are receiving visitors.
2. Whenever you re-enter the campus through the main gate, your temperature must be taken by security, there is a register which will record the details of staff and students.



3. At the entrance of every building, there are sanitizer bottles. You are expected to sanitize your hands before entering a venue.
4. Doors and windows in all communal spaces need to remain open for ventilation, air conditioners will not be used for this purpose.
5. Mr. Bongani Bavuma will issue a register and a thermometer to all House Managers and or SRC members who will be conducting temperature checks daily in their respective residence and record it on the register.

Classrooms

1. Classrooms have been scheduled to only be used up to 50% of normal capacity.
2. In classes both lecturers and students are expected to wear face masks without exception and these are to cover mouth and nose throughout.
3. A distance of 1.5m will be maintained at all times inside the classroom.
4. Tables will be clearly marked with "Please Sit Here" stickers to ensure that there is no confusion.
5. Everyone is expected to use the sanitizer provided before entering a classroom
6. All doors and windows will be opened to ventilate the room.
7. Air conditioners will be switched off.

Accommodation

1. Temperature screening will be conducted by the SRC Student Task Force and House Manager every other day.
2. Students are expected to sanitize before entering the building.
3. Students are expected to wear their masks in corridors and public areas and may only take off their mask in their dorm rooms.
4. When students visit each other in dorm rooms, everyone is to wear a mask.
5. Rooms are to be aired as much as possible.
6. Social distancing of 1.5 meters is to be observed at all times.

Kitchen & Restaurant

1. The restaurant area will operate with windows and doors open for ventilation and will have a maximum occupancy of 40 students eating and 10 students being served their food. Staff will ask students to wait when maximum occupancy is reached.
2. Face masks are to be worn by students and staff throughout and only when eating or drinking may the mask be temporarily taken off.
3. Food will be served by kitchen staff only and students will not be allowed to dish up.
4. Students will be allowed to stay for a maximum of 20 minutes in the restaurant.
5. Kitchen staff will clean and disinfect the tables after every meal. Students are asked to wait for a table to be cleaned before sitting down at a table that was used.
6. A distance of 1.5m will need to be maintained while queueing for food.



Library

1. Students will need to keep their masks on at all times while in the library.
2. The door at the library will be kept open at all times for ventilation
3. After a student has used a desktop computer, the librarian will disinfect the space, keyboard, and mouse.
4. The printer will be cleaned by library staff after each user.
5. Sanitizer will be placed in the book section of the library to ensure that students sanitize their hands before and after removing books from the shelves.
6. Housekeeping staff will be deployed to clean tabletops and other areas multiple times daily.

Contingency plan for outbreak or cluster infection

1. Both the Department of Health and the Department of Higher Education will be notified of all positive cases.
2. A student testing positive will be isolated for a period of 10 days and will be allowed to leave isolation if they do not show any symptoms after the isolation period. Students will be isolated in one of the off-campus houses and will not be allowed visitors for the period of isolation. Food will be delivered to the common room of the house and by staff wearing the necessary PPEs.
3. Through contact tracing, other students or staff may be asked to test or self-isolate.
4. The Stenden South Africa campus may be closed if there is a cluster of infections that exceeds our ability to isolate infected students. This decision will be based on the advise or instruction from the Department of Health.

Psychological support

1. Mr. Pieter Smit will be on standby for any students that require psychological support. His phone number is 082 448 8871 and his email address is pieter.smit@nhlstenden.com
2. Alternatively, students can contact the 24/7 helpline from HigherHealth, telephone: 0800 36 36 36, sms their name to 43336, or email higherhealth@sada.org

Coordination

The execution of the Covid-19 protocols will be monitored by Bongani Bavuma as the campus Health and Safety Officer and Dakota Phekun as the SRC President. Please report any concerns or questions to them:

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