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Dear Colleagues,

You will all be aware that an announcement will be made by Government later today regarding the further implementation of Covid-19 restrictions. In advance of any announcement, there is a need to provide some indication of the likely required response of a move to Level 3 or 4 restrictions.

Under an increased level of restriction, TU Dublin along with other HEI's will continue to reopen for the 2020/21 academic year but that there will be an impact on how we will work and engage through our programmes. Under Level 3, the Government framework indicates "*Further, higher and adult education to escalate all appropriate protective measures and limit congregation as far as possible*".

On that basis, escalating "*appropriate protective measures*" includes the necessity to ensure that face coverings are worn in all internal teaching and communal environments and externally where social distancing cannot be maintained. Adherence to appropriate measures already planned as necessary in specific environments will need to be robustly implemented.

As an overarching guideline, for all programmes that have practice/practical based content, face to face on campus activity would be limited to those elements of the programme that are practical/practice based, such as laboratory, field work, studio and workshop etc. In the immediate future, for classroom/lecture room based activities, engagement should primarily be that of remote delivery across all programme areas. Campus-based activity already in place for the coming weeks, such as legacy teaching and exams (i.e. exams that require campus facilities; practical/practice assessments and learn & work blocks of condensed practical teaching) should continue as planned.

It should be noted that, due to the specific circumstances at local level, implementation of the overarching guidelines may reduce time spent on campus to varying extent across programme areas and that implementation at local programme level will vary, with some programmes/disciplines potentially moving fully on-line and/or revised schedules.

Please also be aware that the Level 3 framework indicates that "*work from home unless absolutely necessary to attend in person*" and individual arrangements will be agreed through communication and engagement with your individual line manager.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing commitment and contribution in the remote delivery of our programmes, together with the support necessary for the delivery of on-campus examinations, practical laboratory, workshop and studio sessions and administration.

Best regards,

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