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Dear Students,

As you know, the Taoiseach announced last night that the entire country will move to Level 5 restrictions from midnight tomorrow, i.e. effective from **Thursday 22nd October**, for six weeks. Higher education has been identified as an essential service that will continue during this time, but with the majority of teaching to be delivered remotely.

Therefore, in TU Dublin, the only on-campus activities for the next six weeks will be those that require practice and practical facilities such as laboratories, workshops, studios and kitchens, including apprenticeship programmes. **Please check your timetable regularly in case it has been necessary to reschedule any sessions on campus.**

I have no doubt that you would prefer to attend lectures in person and with your classmates, but please continue to engage online for now. If you are having difficulty, do make contact with your School or with any of our student support services for advice and assistance - we are here to support you.

While the weeks ahead will have serious consequences for many industries and sectors of our society, it is important that we all play our part in ensuring that these strong measures do achieve the desired outcome of suppressing COVID19 in the community. Just think what a difference 30,000 students and 3500 staff in TU Dublin can make if we all keep our social interactions to the minimum; stay within 5km of home unless timetabled to be on campus; observe physical distance; wear face coverings in public places; wash hands; and remember cough etiquette.

Meanwhile, keep your focus on your studies and look forward to something that inspires you. We will keep you updated on any changes as they occur.

Best regards,

David FitzPatrick
President – TU Dublin