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To: [TU Dublin All Staff](#)
Subject: Moving to Level 5 restrictions – update for TU Dublin
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Dear Colleagues,

As you know, the Taoiseach announced last night that the entire country will move to Level 5 restrictions from midnight tomorrow, effective **Thursday 22nd October** for six weeks.

Ahead of formal communication from the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, I am writing to outline the current TU Dublin approach to the coming 6 week period.

Critically, education has been identified as an essential service meaning that TU Dublin remains open and will continue to engage with our students during this time, but with the majority of programme activities to be delivered remotely.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c9158-essential-services/?referrer=http://www.gov.ie/essentialservices/#education>

As a result, the only programme related on-campus activities for the next six weeks will be those that require the facilities of our laboratories, workshops, studios and kitchens, including apprenticeship programmes. In addition, the Library will remain open to provide “click & collect” services but will not be open for general use. Non practice/practical based activities will be delivered in a fully remote manner.

While we would all prefer to be back on campus, it is to the great credit of all of you that we have succeeded in making the transition to delivering both our teaching and our services remotely. Students who had to make that transition at short notice in March have resumed their studies; we have welcomed 6000 new students to TU Dublin; and we are preparing to graduate the class of 2020 in a series of virtual ceremonies next month. The next six weeks will have serious consequences for many industries and sectors of our society so it is all the more important that we play our part in ensuring that these strong measures achieve the desired outcome of suppressing COVID19 in the community. As I have said to our students, 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.

I will provide updated information as it is received it but in the meantime, please continue to support our students and one another.

Best Regards,

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