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Dear Student,

As COVID19 case numbers have increased across Ireland, it is important that we all do everything we can to prevent the spread of the virus in the community. Please take a moment to read the following advice on what you can do, what the university is doing, latest advice re travel and house visits, and the budget announcement of a €250 refund.

What can YOU do to help prevent the spread of COVID19?

- [Wear a face-covering – properly!](#)
- [Sanitise your hands on arrival and wash your hands frequently](#)
- [Keep it small and maintain 2-metre distance where possible](#)
- [Remember good cough etiquette](#)
- Download the [HSE COVID19 Contact Tracker App](#) to assist the HSE with their Contact tracing efforts should a positive case be confirmed on-campus.

What precautions are being taken on campus by TU Dublin?

- The University has put in place a range of measures to help prevent the spread of COVID19 infection in all campus buildings and is following public health and government guidelines. Small numbers of students are timetabled to be on campus at any one time; a rigorous cleaning regime is in place, and all staff and students are taking personal responsibility for wearing face masks; washing and sanitising hands and surfaces, and being careful of coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- However, unfortunately, COVID19 is present in the community, and it is inevitable that there will be some suspected and even confirmed cases of COVID19 among students and staff. In those instances, the university will follow the appropriate HSE protocols.

How does advice on travel and house visits affect you?

This week, the government announced a nationwide ban on visits to homes in almost all circumstances, except for people providing care for children or elderly and vulnerable people. In addition, from **now until Tuesday 10 November**, Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal have [to Level 4 of the Government's Living with COVID19](#) plan.

- **Have you come from outside Dublin and are living in accommodation in the city for the semester?**

If you're a student from outside Dublin and have moved into accommodation in Dublin for the semester, please follow national guidelines and minimise travel, particularly on public transport, and limit travel to/from your home as far as is possible **UNLESS** you need to provide care or support for children or elderly and vulnerable people, which includes looking after your own health and wellbeing.

- **Do you come to Dublin for campus-based activities and stay in accommodation a few nights each week?**

If you are a student from outside Dublin and you spend one or two nights in the city each week so as to attend campus-based activities, please follow national guidelines and minimise travel, particularly on public transport, and please limit travel to/from your home as far as is possible.

- **Do you live outside Dublin and commute daily to participate in campus-based activities?**

As education is considered essential, and if you're scheduled to be on-campus for specific activities, you can continue to commute to Dublin. However, it is recommended that **you should restrict your travel** as much as possible while current restrictions are in place.

- **Are you looking for accommodation in Dublin?**

Students who are looking for accommodation in Dublin can find information about providers on our website [here](#).

What arrangements are being made for the €250 refund to students announced in the budget?

TU Dublin welcomes the budget announcement by Minister Harris that students will receive a refund of €250 on their student contribution. We are awaiting details from the Department as to how this is to be processed, and we will confirm details as soon as we have them.

For the latest updates go to the TU Dublin website at <https://www.tudublin.ie/covid19> and for COVID19 public health information and advice, please visit www.hse.ie