

Dear Student,

TU Dublin is busy finalising our return to campus plans, and we will publish timetables next week. In the meantime, here is a quick update on what you should expect when the new academic term begins:

Academic Activity

We are planning for students to be on campus for at least 60% of their timetable from Monday, 20 September 2021. Delivery of workshops, labs, studios, project work, seminars and smaller teaching groups will be prioritised - however, there will also be some remote teaching. Students who, for medical reasons, cannot attend lectures in person should make their situation known to their Programme Lead.

Sports, Societies and Social Activities

This year, you will have many more opportunities to participate in societies, sport and social activities, meet new people, and try new hobbies outside of your studies. Of course, we will be adhering to public health guidelines but there will be lots to choose from, including fitness classes, film screenings, quizzes, gaming tournaments and volunteering events. We are also planning for outdoor and indoor sports facilities to be fully operational with some modifications.

Student Services and Well-Being

The full range of student information and support services will be available, including our Student Health Centres, Counselling Services, Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy, Maths Learning Centre, Academic Writing Centre, Careers Development Centre, and our Student Information Desks.

Libraries

Libraries will be fully operational, with bookable study spaces and PCs to adhere with public health guidelines.

Dining on Campus

Canteens, coffee shops and dining areas will reopen this month, but some restaurants may only offer takeaway options for the first few weeks until public health guidelines are relaxed.

COVID-19 Precautions

The success of the vaccination roll-out in Ireland means some COVID-19 mitigation measures will be relaxed. However, COVID-19 will likely remain a part of our lives for quite some time and TU Dublin will continue to take precautions to keep students, staff and visitors safe, and students will be expected to play their part. This will include:

- Face-coverings are mandatory for all students, staff and visitors in all indoor locations, including all teaching spaces, libraries and shared common areas. Ensure you [wear an effective face-covering on campus – not a visor or face shield](#)
- Sanitise hands on arrival and wash hands frequently while on campus
- Ensure you follow any one-way circulation systems that have been put in place in buildings across the University
- Maintain physical distancing and avoid congregating in groups, unless it is for an organised and controlled event
- Remember to cover coughs and sneezes
- Where possible open windows and doors to allow fresh air to circulate
- [Download the COVID Tracker app](#)

Here is a quick reference guide about [what to do if you experience possible COVID-19 symptoms on campus](#), and you can [read more about our COVID-19 measures](#) here.

Finally, if you have not received a **COVID-19 vaccine**, we would encourage you to register for an appointment as soon as possible – to protect yourself and our University community. If you have a PPS number, you can register on the HSE website [here](#); students that don't have a PPS, including **international students**, can call the HSE on 1800 700 700 to book an appointment.

Keep an eye for further communications about the new academic year in the coming days. In the meantime, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you on campus later this month!

Best wishes

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