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Dear Student

Following the [public health advice](#) published last week, this email outlines the latest advice we must all follow to protect our community from COVID-19.

As always, the most important piece of advice to remember is if you experience COVID-19 symptoms before you are due on-campus, please stay at home and book a PCR test. [PCR tests are free, and you can book them online on the HSE website.](#) [Do not, under any circumstances, come on campus while waiting for a test, or the results of a test.](#)

Latest Updates

- Last week's update advised that [household close contacts who are fully vaccinated and showing no symptoms should now restrict their movements until they have 3 negative antigen test results taken within 5 days.](#) More information is available from the HSE [here](#).
- We all must reduce our social contacts as much as possible, [so all University hosted events \(excluding sporting fixtures and training\) will be virtual until the end of the semester;](#) this includes events taking place off-campus.

If you have been on-campus and tested positive for COVID-19, please do the following

- To support the HSE and facilitate contact tracing, students who test positive for COVID-19 should inform their Course Coordinator, who will notify the Response Manager.
- Students are advised to keep a record of close contact with other campus users for 28 days. A template is available [here](#) and will assist the HSE with contact tracing should an outbreak occur on-campus.

Face Coverings

- [Face-coverings* are mandatory in all indoor spaces for all campus users](#) including common student areas, lecture halls, libraries, labs, studios, kitchens, locker rooms and gyms. The only time you are permitted to remove your mask is to eat and drink. A face-covering is not necessary outdoors, but please exercise caution in any crowded areas. If a student refuses to wear a face-covering and cannot produce a medical exemption letter, the disciplinary procedures may be invoked. [Read this guide to make sure you're using face-coverings correctly](#), and if another student or staff member asks you to adjust your mask, please cooperate.

Here's a quick reminder of your key responsibilities to continue to keep our University community safe

- [Sanitise hands on arrival](#) and wash hands frequently while on campus; and please remember to [cover any coughs and sneezes](#).
- [Follow any one-way circulation systems](#) that are in place in buildings across the University.
- [Maintain physical distancing](#) where feasible, and [avoid congregating in groups](#) unless it is for an organised and controlled event.
- [COVID-19 restrictions](#), such as bookable study spaces, 1-metre social distancing, and mandatory face coverings, [remain in place in all our libraries](#). For more information, please visit www.tudublin.ie/library.
- [Eating and drinking are prohibited on-campus except in designated spaces](#) such as a café or canteen, so please do not eat in other areas such as in a corridor or a classroom.
- [Don't share objects that may touch your mouth](#), for example, bottles or cups, and use your own pens.
- [Where possible open windows and doors](#) in any shared space to allow fresh air to circulate.
- [Download the COVID Tracker](#) to assist with contact tracing efforts.

FREE Vaccinations

- The HSE regularly hosts FREE pop up vaccination clinics on our campuses, so keep an eye out for emails or social media posts about these clinics. [The next FREE clinic is taking place in St. Laurence's today Wednesday, 24 November 2021, from 11 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 6 pm](#). More information is available here on the [TU Dublin website](#).
- If you have not yet received a FREE [COVID-19 vaccine](#), you can also register for an appointment online. 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. Many pharmacies are also offering FREE COVID-19 vaccines to people aged 12 and over. You can [find more information here](#).

If you do experience symptoms when on campus, here is a guide on what you should do.

And finally just to reiterate if you experience COVID-19 symptoms before you are due on-campus, please stay at home and [book a PCR test. Do not, under any circumstances, come on campus while waiting for a test, or the results of a test.](#)

I wish to thank you for your continued co-operation in keeping our University community safe and wish you the best of luck in your studies for the remainder of the semester.

Stay safe

Dr Mary Meaney

Registrar and Deputy President

*If you cannot wear a face covering for reasons of a disability or a medical condition, please make your situation known to your Programme Chair or Head of School and have a copy of your exemption letter on hand.