# **FACULTY OF THEOLOGY**

# **STUDENT PROTOCOL for STUDENTS in ACADEMIC LEARNING SPACES**

This document is only a summary of the most important protocols that students of the faculty must adhere to when attending classes or other gatherings on campus. Keep in mind this document is **not** complete in terms of the bigger scope of protocols which must be adhered to by students on campus in general. This document will be updated as more information unfolds.

1. **GENERAL INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION**

All the information in this communication is available on a dedicated [**COVID-19 page**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fstellenbosch.evlink2.net%2Fservlet%2Flink%2F31499%2F138919%2F384848%2F1405340&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd272adc9c4dc4b69d7e808d8d2964855%7Ca6fa3b030a3c42588433a120dffcd348%7C0%7C0%7C637490890199232660%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DgkPgAtljAU%2FsojzRm%2FdNWBNmIZTZFaTJNwCfdNSxPE%3D&reserved=0) on the SU website, which includes frequently asked questions (FAQs), as well as a record of all communiques and updates since the start of the pandemic. Students are encouraged to make extensive use of this valuable resource. Also take notice of the SU TOOLKIT at this [**LINK**](http://www.sun.ac.za/english/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bA45AAD97-0E11-40C0-8796-9DDCEF182C56%7d&file=ReturntoWorkA4_landscape_12_06_2020_FINAL.pdf&action=default) (click on the TOOLKIT option) for specific protocol regulations.

1. **SELF-TRAINING**

All students and staff must make sure they are totally informed on the general COVID-19 awareness training at this [**LINK**](http://www.sun.ac.za/english/CampusHealth/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bC66618A9-B75C-4C63-8C7A-FA523DEBD219%7d&file=Document%203_COVID%2019%20Induction%20and%20Awareness.pptx&action=default)before they return to campus.

1. **GENERAL SELF-SCREENING – HIGHER HEALTH PLATFORM (HHP)**

Students will only be allowed access to academic buildings if the Higher Health App is shown as GREEN, before entering. This will be checked at building entrances and/or lecture hall entrances – the person responsible to check the app has the right to decline a student without proof of a green HHP health check, access to a building or lecture hall who is.

The Higher Health’s Health Check daily risk assessment tool is only available via the URL [[https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fstellenbosch.evlink2.net%2Fservlet%2Flink%2F31499%2F138919%2F384848%2F1405336&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd272adc9c4dc4b69d7e808d8d2964855%7Ca6fa3b030a3c42588433a120dffcd348%7C0%7C0%7C637490890199222666%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Er4UguLkbSimc3NixPgX4aZc1VZaxtTqsEwVBceO43g%3D&reserved=0)](https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za) (no longer via SMS or WhatsApp).

No student should attend a face-to-face sessions if they have Covid-19 symptoms. Stay at home if you begin to feel unwell, even with mild symptoms such as a headache and slight runny nose, until you recover.

When you return to campus for the first time, and if you are moving into residence, you will have to prove that you have self-screened green for seven consecutive days before arrival.

1. **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

From 15 March the university will provide PPE to students who arrive on campus, distributing it from various points on campus. For students who have official classes before this date, the specific programme co-ordinators will make arrangements that all students receive PPE.

Students will receive a mask and sanitising bottle. Wearing of masks is compulsory in lecture venues (for the whole lecture), in faculty buildings and on campus in general.

Please use your own wipes if you want to, but make sure that you dispose of these wipes in dedicated bins specifically for wipes.

1. **CLASS GROUPS**

The capacity of lecture halls will vary according to the size of the lecture halls. At the moment a maximum of 50 students is allowed, or 50% if the venue is smaller. Thus, students who prefer to attend face-to-face classes must do so via the booking system on SUNLearn as space will be limited.

1. **LECTURE HALLS – CLASS ATTENDANCE BEHAVIOUR**
* Please maintain 1.5m social distancing when you enter or leave the lecture hall.
* No eating or drinking will be allowed at any time in faculty buildings.
* Classroom seats will indicate where students are allowed to sit. Keep to this – because this ensures that social distancing is practised.
* Wearing of masks in lecture halls is compulsory.
1. **STUDENTS ATTENDING CLASS ONLINE**

Students who cannot attend the face-to-face classes or those who are not invited to class for face-to-face sessions, will be invited for online class attendance via the MS TEAMS platform. Students will get a MS TEAMS MEETING INVITE for a specific time slot.

Students must attend these classes via personal laptop or computer from their residence and private accommodation; it may even be off-campus. Limited space is available for students without the appropriate equipment or connectivity to attend online classes from campus. Options which students can consider are HUMARGA areas in Neelsie, the central library, student study centre, and other general spaces. Please keep in mind that the latter options will be limited according to the capacity regulation and official classes scheduled in the venues.

No students are allowed to work in lecture halls not in use – with the exception of the Computer User Area. This is a serious contravention of the protocol, since the webroom booking system is part of the tracking procedure of usage and ensuring that cleaning protocols are met.

Students sitting in general areas of faculty buildings must always adhere to general protocol.

1. **POSITIVELY TESTED STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive or have had high-risk contact must self-isolate for ten (10) days, following the protocol ([**click here**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fstellenbosch.evlink2.net%2Fservlet%2Flink%2F31499%2F138919%2F384848%2F1405335&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd272adc9c4dc4b69d7e808d8d2964855%7Ca6fa3b030a3c42588433a120dffcd348%7C0%7C0%7C637490890199212673%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fKczsEiNqne20Ff9Aa8SwNoLa7wq27838ugFF4By7ag%3D&reserved=0)) for isolation, quarantine and self-isolation.

1. **SYMPTOMS DURING CLASS**

Should you experience COVID-19 symptoms during a class, please report this to the lecturer and immediately dismiss yourself and report to the SU Campus Health Services (Stellenbosch Campus 021 808 3496/3494; 7 Claassen Street; Google map address -33.93529, 18.86940) without making any contact with any other person.

After the student has dismissed him/herself, the class will continue, and the names of the students who were closer than to 1.5m with the student during the class, must report to the lecturer to help with tracing afterwards, should it be necessary.

1. **STUDENT TRAVEL / INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**
Staff and students must complete a travel registry ([**click here**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fstellenbosch.evlink2.net%2Fservlet%2Flink%2F31499%2F138919%2F384848%2F1405339&data=04%7C01%7C%7Cd272adc9c4dc4b69d7e808d8d2964855%7Ca6fa3b030a3c42588433a120dffcd348%7C0%7C0%7C637490890199232660%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BrAJfooppsQzIEOz3l7SBRmkugvqfpUoQKtZz50OkeI%3D&reserved=0)) before travelling abroad. This will provide us with a more accurate record so that we can aid in emergencies.