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Subject: Welcome Back: Tygerberg Residence Arrangements 2021

Dear Campus Community

RE: TYGERBERG RESIDENCE ARRANGEMENTS 2021

The academic period 2020 was met with numerous challenges given the outbreak of COVID19 pandemic. Subsequently, the declaration of the national disaster was announced followed by the lockdown. The pandemic presented a risk for our environment, in particular the Tygerberg community given the nature of our academic work. As a result, protocols were put in place in line with the lockdown regulations to aid the new arrangements for living in the student residences and communities amid the virus. We have now reached the end of 2020, cleared the residential spaces and prepared for the following academic period starting on the 4th January 2020 for our Tygerberg campus.

Despite being ready for re-opening of the residences, the arrangements for residences must be fully noted and take into consideration. Living in the residential spaces now is going to be more challenging given that the COVID19 pandemic still lives with us, and we all have a responsibility that we take care of each other. To ensure that all our residents, the student leaders and colleagues are on the same page, please take time to familiarize yourself with the residence arrangements for 2021 going forward. Furthermore, please be advised that plans may change without prior notice given the drastically changing environment. The arrangements cover the following main points:

1. Residence re-opening details
2. Protocols for lockdown alert 3/living in the residences during COVID19 pandemic
3. Residence welcoming programme, events and gatherings
4. Communication

The residence re-opening details are as follows:

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Tygerberg campus will resume the academic programme on the 4th January 2021, subsequently, the residences will open on the 2nd January 2021. The following is applicable for the re-opening of the residences:

- The DHET may amend the directives for occupancy given the recently adjusted risk-adjusted and moving the country back to level three alert of lockdown, however, the provision that has been in place in preparation for an early return in Tygerberg campus is that there will fully occupancy in residences given that all COVID19 protocols and controls are in place.
- Residents who may be starting their programme later or commence their academic programme virtually will be allowed to also return as set above, however, if they intend to delay their return, they need to liaise with the respective programme coordinator in the Faculty.
- Residents must complete a compulsory intention to return and or check-in online form as required. (links listed towards the end).
- Before returning to the respective residence, residence students should complete an online self-monitoring for COVID19 pre-screening using FMHS Covid19 Screening App. Only residents who

completed a pre-screening and have received a clearance status will be allowed access into their residences.

Protocols relating to living in the residences during the COVID19 pandemic are as follows:

The Centre for Student Communities in Tygerberg campus enacted general protocols that are essential for living in the residences and are attached to this communication. Among the main pointers, the following need to be taken into consideration:

- All students that are returning to the residences irrespective of the date, MUST complete the online FMHS monitoring tool that must be also used daily. Unless the student is granted clearance, no resident will be allowed access as this is COMPULSORY.
- External visitors currently not allowed with exception of those who will be accompanied to check-in and or assist to settle in during the re-opening of the residences and are SUBJECTED to prior screening.
- Social gatherings are prohibited
- All regulations point such as curfew, alcohol being prohibited, wearing of masks etc also apply in the residential spaces
- Failure to comply to adhere to protocols and regulations not only does put yourself at risk but the fellow residents, thus immediate disciplinary action will be in effect.

Residence welcoming Programme

The welcoming programme will follow a hybrid model to minimize and or avoid the large gatherings, event leaders need to ensure that they are familiar with regulations. Given that new students are expected in March 2021, the cluster welcoming will update their respective residences on the plans going forward. Large events and gatherings are currently prohibited under the current regulations, event leaders need to familiarize themselves with the University protocols on events at this stage.

Communications

During this period, we understand that there are lot of communication points which may lead to confusion; however, each resident must ensure that they are part of official groups whereby information concerning residential spaces CAN only be disseminated by specific residence leaders.

Finally, residents who will be moving into the residences as from the 2nd January 2021 are requested to ensure that they liaise with the respective leaders in case they need more information. We appeal to everyone that we work together during this difficult period, as it will not be easy but collectively, we can move forward.

Please see the useful links below:

ALL students need to download the SU Daily Monitoring App TODAY and start recording your symptoms FROM TODAY (or 1 January 2021 LATEST). You need to answer the questionnaire every single day, starting today, and continuing every single day when you return to campus.

SU Daily Monitoring App:

iStore: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/power-apps/id1047318566>

Playstore: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microsoft.msapps&hl=en>

If you, at any point, become COVID-19 positive, you will have to record that on the COVID Alert SA App.

COVID Alert SA App:

iStore: <https://apps.apple.com/za/app/covid-alert-south-africa/id1524618326>

Playstore: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=za.gov.health.covidconnect>

Intention to return to the residence

Students intending to return to the residence must complete the below form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Azv6pjwKWEKEM6Eg3_zTSLkr8SCenYRjPQX_6_Gzn7dURDBNNVE1S1ICTjFCRk4xSTFFtkw1SldUUC4u

Residence Check-in

Students should use this universal link to check-in while they are settled in the residences:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Azv6pjwKWEKEM6Eg3_zTSLkr8SCenYRjPQX_6_Gzn7dUOUILSEFFU0dRTjdJQkNDRjBBSks0T1hPNi4u

The respective residence may still send specified information and links given that each community is different. Once again thank you for your cooperation and looking forward to your returning.

Attached are:

Protocols for adjusted level 3 alert of lockdown

Current Regulations as amended

Thank you, may you return to the residential spaces safe and happy new year!

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