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UNIVERSITY UPDATE FOLLOWING THE MOVE TO LEVEL 1 IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENT RISK ADJUSTED STRATEGY

University of Zululand Management welcomes the statement issued by Dr Blade Nzimande, the Minister of Higher Education, Science & Technology, on the country's move to lockdown Level 1 of the applicable regulations. Minister Nzimande has indicated in his briefing statement that universities should now be in the position to welcome back 100% of students for contact teaching and learning. The terms that apply to international students is that they are required to have tested negative for COVID-19 not more than 72 hours before landing in the country. Any students that may test positive at entry "will need to go into quarantine at their own expense for at least 10 days before proceeding to their respective institutions."

Minister Nzimande was however quick to caution that, "while the rate of infections has slowed... there remains possibilities of community-based and/or regional spikes of COVID-19 in the foreseeable future." He went further to state that, "**each institution has taken a different approach to the risk-adjusted, phased-in return, dependent on their context and readiness, and in line with their own detailed institutional plans and strategies.**"

The Minister's statement comes against the backdrop of our own plans which have factored in government regulations in relation to compliance to "health and safety protocols in terms of physical distancing (at least 1.5m), wearing masks, washing hands, sanitising and environmental cleaning".





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The University is fully aware that the Minister's statement may have created some expectations and/or raised new questions amongst our students regarding the teaching and learning programme in particular. In this regard, we wish to update our students and stakeholders in general as below:

1. Faculties are currently wrapping up on the work of the 2020 first semester. This involves amongst others the following activities:

- The capturing of assessment marks on the system;
 - Preparation for the return of students for the second semester;
 - Foundation, Diploma and first year students identified as "at risk" in the Faculty of Commerce, Administration and Law have already been called to return to campus until the 9th October 2020.
2. Faculties will identify students that should return to campus after an analysis of the first semester assessment performance has been completed. The announcement will be made after the 12th October 2020.
3. Only students who meet the criteria previously announced will be allowed to return to campus. This includes those students that are considered to be at risk.
4. We wish to remind students that they are still required to produce a university permit as a condition for accessing the institution.

Issued on behalf of University Management

