

## **CIRCULAR 262/2020: COVID-19 - Measures taken when a positive case is detected**

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Over the past weeks, we have been regularly sending out [information to staff and students](#) about the measures being taken to keep the campus safe. We would like to provide again information on the rigorous steps taken when a coronavirus case is detected, as it is understandable that some members of our community are concerned.

Firstly, we are continuously monitoring the situation and are in regular contact with the Health Authorities, who continue to be very supportive. We have assigned mitigation officers to focus on COVID-19 matters. Our main aim is to focus on prevention and guided by our commitment to education, we will keep informing students and staff on the [preventive steps](#) to avoid contracting and spreading the virus.

Secondly, when a positive COVID-19 case is detected within our community, a set of robust measures come immediately into force as specified in [the protocol](#):

1. The College administration works directly with the public health department to provide the necessary information. The Health Authorities start with the contact tracing and inform all close contacts that need to be tested and quarantined.
2. The Health Authorities guide the College on whether to close the unit/institute/college temporarily to help control transmission.
3. In coordination with the institute/unit, we reorganise staff/student attendance on a roster basis, as needed.
4. The College offers remote education options for learners or a specific cluster of students when needed.
5. The College administration alerts the Civil Protection Department who immediately conduct thorough disinfection and decontamination of the building and areas affected.
6. We offer full support to those recovering and in quarantine while respecting confidentiality.

Only through a serious commitment at College, institute and individual level can we mitigate the spread of the virus.

We thank you for your help in supporting each other.

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