

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Circular 4/2021: COVID-19 Update - MCAST on-campus lectures to resume on Monday**

On Monday 11 January, MCAST lectures will resume on-campus. All other online lectures will continue as provided before the Christmas break. The College will use the same procedures followed throughout the first term to ensure full entitlement to students' right to learning. Since the start of the pandemic, our approach has been based on clear protocol procedures drawn up in consultation with the public health authorities, the Malta Union of Teachers and the Students' Council.

We will keep prioritising the health and safety of our community while ensuring that learning is not disrupted. In-person lectures, particularly for practical sessions, are an essential part of vocational training and education, and these will continue.

We know that many of you are understandably concerned about the current pandemic situation. MCAST is taking increased health and safety measures to address these concerns while ensuring that learning can continue. As the situation continues to develop, we will continue to monitor closely and to take timely action. Please stay updated by visiting [mcast.edu.mt/covid19](https://mcast.edu.mt/covid19) for the latest information.

We would like to reiterate the importance of social distancing and correct hygiene measures. When on campus, lecturers and students should continue to wear a face-covering at all times. Immediately isolate yourself and contact 111 if you are experiencing even the slightest symptom. If you are affected by this pandemic and need help, please reach out to our Student Support Services. Staff members should speak to their line managers or the institutes' mitigating officers.

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