

COVID-19 – REVIEW OF ONGOING CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

POLICY, PROCEDURES AND GUIDANCE

Policy; (as at 15 June 2021)

PRINCIPLES FOR CONTINUED TRANSITION FOLLOWING POST LOCKDOWN POSITION (June 2021)

1. The health, safety and wellbeing of students, staff, visitors, and the wider community will continue to be the priority in decisions relating to the continued easing, and hopefully eventual removal, of Covid-19 restrictions in the University during the course of 2021.
2. The University has made and will continue to monitor appropriate changes to physical layout and infrastructure in accordance – at minimum – with Public Health Gibraltar advice, including, to the extent they continue to apply, guidelines on social distancing, hygiene, ventilation and wearing of masks.
3. The University has reviewed and will continue to keep under review its teaching, learning and assessment to ensure that there is the required flexibility in place to deliver a high-quality experience and support students to achieve their learning outcomes in a safe manner. It is anticipated that all such teaching will be on a face to face basis, although online teaching may also be offered at the discretion of the Programme Coordinator or equivalent, dependent on personal circumstances of individuals affected and following appropriate internal consultation.
4. The University will regularly review the welfare and mental health needs of students and staff, and take steps to ensure preventative measures and appropriate support are in place and well communicated as restrictions are gradually eased.
5. The University will maintain, develop or adapt effective processes to welcome and support international students and staff, including throughout any self-isolation period if applicable.
6. The University will regularly review its hygiene and cleaning protocols for all University spaces, and adapt them in response to changing public health advice and risk levels, to ensure students, staff and visitors have confidence in their safety.
7. Following appropriate risk assessment, the University will maintain, develop or introduce measures to enable research to be conducted in a safe and responsible manner, following Public

Health Gibraltar guidance or other appropriate guidance specifically designed to protect researchers in laboratories and other research facilities and spaces.

8. The University will engage with students and staff to ensure the transition from early post lockdown towards 'as normal' operation both protects the well-being of staff and students and enables the safe continuation of University activities.

9. The University will continue to work with civic or local partners wherever appropriate including Public Health Gibraltar, HMGoG departments, and appropriate community groups.

Procedures;

For details of actions required and precautions to be observed refer to COVID-19 Risk Assessment – Continuing Campus Activities 03.

Guidance;

For further advice and detailed guidance, refer directly to Public Health Gibraltar online at;

<https://healthygibraltar.org/infections/infection-facts/coronavirusan-novel-coronavirus/>

The following publications have inter alia been considered in preparing this risk assessment;

- Gibraltar Dept. of Education 'Guidance on opening of schools in September 2020'
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N25EFxwLU_awjt3RtDMLwmwU6izJg8FooUJ3GM_LYzE/edit
- Public Health Gibraltar – Resources for the Workplace
- – Best Practice Guidelines for a Post Vaccination World <https://healthygibraltar.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Best-Practice-Guidelines-Post-Covid-World-v2.1.docx.pdf>
- UK Dept. of Education - 'Higher Education Providers; coronavirus (COVID-19)'
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-education-reopening-buildings-and-campuses/higher-education-reopening-buildings-and-campuses#staff-and-student-wellbeing>
- Universities UK – 'Principles and Considerations: Emerging from Lockdown'
<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2020/principles-and-considerations-emerging-from-lockdown-june-2020.pdf>
- Also refer to Civil Contingencies Emergency (Coronavirus) regulations (various)
<https://www.gibraltarlaws.gov.gi/>

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