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### **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

In view of the need for a few (postgraduate) students to be on campus to conclude examinations for the 2018/2019 session and for the First Semester of the 2020/2021 session, the following recommendations are made by the University of Ibadan COVID-19 Emergency Response Research Committee:

1. Students to be accommodated on campus **MUST** bring a 500ml hand sanitizer and a spray sanitizer for surfaces.
2. The said students would be allocated to two halls residence for ease of management. One of the two halls should be for males and the other for females. These halls will be decontaminated before occupancy by the students.
3. Consistent and proper use of nose and mouth cover is **mandatory** for everyone on campus in public spaces.
4. The University management will do its best to expedite action on COVID-19 Testing Health Centre under construction.
5. Formal, informal and religious physical gatherings should be restricted to not more than 50% capacity of the facility. Physical distancing, appropriate use of facemasks, and other recommendations should be strictly enforced.
6. Lying-in-state and similar activities that encourage display of corpses/dead bodies should be suspended for now.
7. Public transportation should not carry more than 50% of their capacity in compliance with physical distancing rules.
8. Persons aged 60years and above and/or with co-morbidities should stay at home and avoid crowds.
9. Leadership of offices should take responsibility for adequate ventilation in offices, facilitate work-from-home arrangements, and ensure adherence to all recommended health safety precautions.
10. Virtual meetings should be adopted/encouraged in offices as much as possible.
11. Persons having symptoms of COVID-19 infection such as fever, cough and breathlessness should call any of the following numbers: 08095394000 or 08078288800.

### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- a. Identified hotspots for the spread of COVID-19 infection on campus: extra caution should be taken in these hotspots.

- b. Other protocols and guidelines that should be put in place.
- c. Modality for awareness and enforcement.

**a. Specific hotspots identified for spread of COVID-19 on campus include:**

- + Halls of residence
- + Lecture rooms
- + Laboratories
- + Clinics
- + Demonstration rooms
- + Library
- + Jaja clinic
- + Veterinary Teaching Hospital
- + Eatery and Joints on campus
- + SUB/Business centres
- + Admission office
- + Faculty/Departmental offices
- + Event centres
- + Bus stops/Car parks
- + Postgraduate school
- + Staff school
- + Teaching and Research Farm Retail outlet
- + UI Shopwell
- + Abadina areas with major shops
- + Idia Village Market
- + Churches and mosques
- + UI Staff Club
- + Zoological Garden

**b. Protocols and guidelines to be put in place**

**Information:** Academic activities following resumption for the 2020/2021 Session should be virtual/online for the first semester.

**Halls of residence:**

- + Reduction in the number of accommodated students per room.
- + Provision of regular water supply and proper functioning of other utilities (emphasis on main water source).
- + Provision of multiple hand wash stations at the entrance of each hall of residence
- + Visitation to halls of residence should be reduced and compliance enforced.

**Classrooms:**

Where physical interaction is imperative, the following are to be ensured:

- + Splitting large classes and staggering lecture periods

- ✚ Strict sanitary conditions as applicable in the halls of residence
- ✚ Provision of sustainable internet/intranet services on campus (ITeMs)
- ✚ Classrooms to be de-contaminated at least twice weekly (owing to cost implications).
- ✚ Consistent and proper use of nose and mouth cover to be enforced in classrooms
- ✚ Rotational teaching model should be adopted (to reduce crowding)

### **Eateries, Market, Zoological Garden, Churches, Mosques and Bars on Campus**

The following are to be implemented:

- ✚ Physical distancing
- ✚ Promotion of the use of take away packs at eateries
- ✚ Expansion of retail outlets at eateries
- ✚ Restriction of the number of people in specific premises to 50% of capacity
- ✚ Consistent use of face shield/nose cover
- ✚ Monitoring of compliance
- ✚ Regulate business hours (7:30 am to 6:30pm)

#### **c. Modality for awareness and enforcement**

- ✚ Involve UI radio, ITeMs
- ✚ Flyers for hot spots and posters at strategic places
- ✚ Virtual seminars to be organized for each Faculty

#### **d. Punitive measures against defaulters**

- ✚ Forfeiture of right of place
- ✚ Restrictions
- ✚ Reprimand

Management seeks the support of staff and students in this regard.

Thank you.

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