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Dear Students

COVID 19 UPDATE: THE INDEPENDENT INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION



The President's directive for drastic action to flatten the spread of the virus has been heeded and we are attending to this call and continuing with our educational programme, as our ongoing commitment to you and your future.



Our campuses will be closing for contact teaching on Wednesday 18 March. All activities, social and cultural and sport events are also cancelled. We will be continuing with our academic programme using Learn – lecturers will post or broadcast mini-lectures on core concepts and post additional resources and direction on the Learn space for each of your modules (or on Moodle as may be the case). Assessments can be submitted on Learn. Learn classes have been opened for the small number of IIE modules currently not taught on Learn.



We will be using strict social distancing for tests which we will, after consideration, continue to conduct for now. We will be staggering start and end times to ensure that there is limited interaction between students coming to campus to complete their tests. We will also have far fewer students in each room than we would normally have. Please follow the instructions of campus teams to manage this. Our facilities also remain accessible to you if you require them, although your access will be limited by our efforts to ensure that no single venue or facility is unable to implement the required distancing. Your patience will be needed but we are sure you understand the decisions being taken.

Please contact your campus if you have specific questions about arrangements. You can also use the itsusupport@iie.ac.za helpdesk if you are experiencing access problems for Learn (or Moodle). You also have access to the Student Hub as always.

As circumstances change, we will communicate any further amendments to our programme – we hope to resume contact classes on 14 April.

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Actions required from our parents and communities

1. Please keep your contact details up to date with the campus.
2. Please monitor your brand website and Facebook pages and your sms and e-mails.
3. Please keep an eye out for messages and instructions on Learn or Moodle or your portal.
4. Please only use sites such as the [NICD](#) and [WHO](#) and the new Department of Health WhatsApp for information – there is much misinformation and fake news spreading and it causes harm and distress. Please do not circulate unverified information.
5. Anyone who has come in to contact with an infected person or has personally been in a high incidence region please follow [NICD](#) and [WHO](#) protocols and contact your health practitioner telephonically. 14 days self-isolation is the very least we expect no matter what precautions you took while travelling and how well you may feel.
6. Please follow all the recommendations from the above bodies in this period to slow the spread of this virus.
7. Please keep us posted if you or a family member are directly impacted in this period.

We join the President in confirming our confidence that the country will prevail as the community stands together.

#flattenthecurve

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Coughlan'.

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