



**10 August 2020**

**Dear staff and students**

**RE: ONE (1) CONFIRMED COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE AND ONE (1) PRESUMPTIVE CASE**

**Positive Case**

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) would like to inform its campus community and the public that a student in the Department of Communication received a positive test result for COVID-19 on Sunday, 09 August 2020. The student shares an office with a colleague who tested positive for COVID-19 on Friday, 7 August 2020. The two are currently in quarantine.

**Presumptive Case**

A staff member from the Faculty of Health and Applied Science was recently in close contact with a relative that tested positive for COVID-19 on 08 August, 2020. During the week of 02 August, 2020, the relative fell ill, and consequently the staff member spent the morning and early afternoon with the relative.

The University is currently waiting for the test results of the staff member as a secondary contact. In the interim, the concerned staff member will be in isolation for the recommended 10 days.

The following actions have been taken:

- The staff members of the section/building will isolate the building for one (1) day, (Monday, 10 August 2020) to allow the section area/building to be disinfected thoroughly by the Facilities department.
- The section shall return to work on Tuesday, 11 August 2020.

No staff/student is allowed to frequent public places whilst in self-isolation unless doing so for medical purposes. In addition, NUST will regard this self-isolation period as special leave with pay. Should a staff/student violate the condition of isolation, NUST reserve the right to institute disciplinary actions. This provision also applies to anyone reporting a false case of Covid-19.

Campus security is instructed to ensure that all persons entering the NUST campus premises must wear a facemask, sanitise their hands regularly, maintain a social distance of not less than two (2) metres and that their body temperature is tested. Furthermore, anyone who exhibits symptoms associated with the virus is reminded to immediately report to the Ministry of Health and Social Services' Toll-Free number **0800 100 100**.

The University will continuously keep stakeholders updated on any significant developments with respect to this alert.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Vice-Chancellor

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