



Update for International Partners

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This communication serves to provide an update to our international partner universities and institutions regarding the current coronavirus situation in Namibia, and possible implications on staff and student exchanges.

As reported previously, the State of Emergency, through which His Excellency the President of the Republic Namibia has declared COVID-19, as a natural disaster, has lapsed on the 17 September 2020. New COVID-19 Public Health Regulations, as per the Public and Environmental Health Act of 2015, have come into operation from 24 September 2020 and was extended to Monday, 30 November 2020.

Against this background, the following COVID-19 Restrictive and other measures are currently in place:

- Institutions of higher education are allowed to have face-to-face classes.
- Non-Namibian citizens may enter the Namibia for **business, educational, health or tourism** purposes.
- All travellers, including tourists, business travellers, Namibians and Namibian permit holders, who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result, that is not older than 72-hours, will be permitted to their final destination in the Country.
- All travellers who arrive in Namibia with a negative PCR test result that is older than 72 hours, but not older than 7 days, will be permitted to enter the Country. However, they will be required to undergo a 7-day supervised quarantine at home or tourism facility. In the event that these environments do not fulfil quarantine requirements, the travellers will be placed under mandatory quarantine at Government approved facilities at own cost.
- Non-Namibians who do not present a negative COVID-19 PCR test results, will not be granted entry into the Country.
- Returning Namibian citizens or permit holders may enter the Country with or without a COVID-19 PCR test result.
- In the event that such persons present a positive test result or no result at all, they will be subjected to mandatory quarantine and testing or isolation after arrival. This provision shall also apply to aircraft and marine vessel crew members, humanitarian aid workers, essential services providers, as well as operators and drivers of cross-border transport vehicles who arrive in the Country without the requisite test.
- Ethiopia Airlines, Eurowings, West Air and Air Links are operating to and from Namibia, others might follow.
- Wearing of masks whenever in a public place, sanitising of hands, and 1.5m social distancing are compulsory.
- Gatherings are limited to not more than 200 persons.

Kindly take note that teaching and learning during the 2021 Academic Year at the University will be mainly through Remote Teaching, Learning and Assessment (RTL). Only students who have practical/laboratory courses might be required to come to campus from time to time.

Also take note that registration for new students for the **First Semester** for the 2021 Academic Year begins on **Monday, 8 February 2021**.

The Department of International Relations will continue to update our international partner universities and institutions about future developments.

We thank you for your continued collaboration and support.

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