



24 March 2020

Dear Staff and Students

## **DIRECTIVE TO VACATE STUDENT RESIDENCES TODAY BY 15:00**

Students must vacate their University-owned and University-leased residences by 15:00 today and return home. Normal services to residences will be discontinued from 16:00 today as part of the University's preparation for the nation-wide lockdown from midnight on Thursday, 26 March when "individuals will not be allowed to leave their homes" (Presidential Statement, 23 March 2020). At that point, the University will close down and staff will be released in line with the President's decree. Students should take all their belongings and only store fridges.

There is a need to act swiftly, and we strongly urge students to leave well before 15:00 today to ensure safe travel before the lockdown kicks in.

Sincerely

**Professor Sakhela Buhlungu**  
**Vice-Chancellor and Principal**