



20 October 2020

Dear Staff and Students

Covid-19 STATUS UPDATE – as at 20th October 2020

Today our update is as follows:

NEW CASES

1. The results of **two (2) male Nursing Science students** have come back positive. They are in isolation at the Alice campus. We now have 32 Covid-19 positive students and 2 staff members.

FATALITY AND CONTACT TRACING

2. Sadly, a **male 3rd year Bachelor of Agriculture student** in the Faculty of Science and Agriculture in Alice was a victim of a hit-and-run incident just outside the entrance of the Alice campus. The incident happened during the early hours of last Saturday morning (17th October) and the perpetrator was apprehended by UFH Security Personnel and taken to the Alice Police Station. The student was rushed to Victoria Hospital but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries a couple of hours later. We have now received **confirmation that at the time of his passing, the student was Covid-19 positive.**

It is impossible for the university to trace all of the deceased's contacts. So, we are putting out a call to everyone on the Alice campus who may have been in close contact with him to come forward. Please take the necessary health and safety precautions to protect yourself and others and approach the health clinic for advice.

TESTING FOR COVID-19

3. As per the VC's statement last night, testing in East London continued today and we expect results to continue streaming in. **Stay Safe. Wear a Mask. #WeSaveLives.**

CASE SUMMARY

ALL CATEGORIES	
Active Cases	35 (33 students + 1 Lecturer + 1 Administrator)
Recoveries	59
Fatalities	4
TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES	98

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