



20 July 2020

Dear Fort Hare Community

### **COVID-19 UPDATE – 17 July 2020**

#### **FATALITY: East London campus**

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the first fatality at our institution. **Mrs O V N Pule from Nursing Department, Health Sciences Faculty** was admitted at Frere Hospital on Monday 13 July after being diagnosed with Covid-19. Sadly, she succumbed three days later, on 16 July. Her funeral will be held tomorrow, 21 July 2020. May her soul rest in peace

#### **NEW INFECTION: Alice campus**

Another employee has tested positive for Covid-19. The colleague is attached to the **Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology in the Faculty of Science and Agriculture, Alice Campus.**

#### **CASE DASHBOARD:**

- **Total Number of Infections** : **30** (29 staff and 1 student)
- **Fatalities** : **1**
- **Active cases** : **15** (14 self-isolation ).
- **Recoveries** : **14**

We are pleased to advise that the two colleagues have been discharged from hospital. So everyone is now isolating at home. We send our love and support.

#### **NO LOCAL TRANSMISSIONS TO DATE:**

As much as Covid-19 infection numbers among UFH people are on the rise, it is important to note that none were transmitted on campus. We will inform the community should such happen. For now though, we really encourage everyone who is aware or suspects that they may be infected, to stay at home, self-isolate and also declare their status by following the normal reporting protocol. It is the responsible thing to do.

Sincerely

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