



University of Fort Hare
**EXECUTIVE
COMMUNICATION**



PROF SAKHELA BUHLUNGU
VICE-CHANCELLOR and PRINCIPAL

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Dear Staff and Students

RETURN TO CAMPUS: PHASE ONE

Yesterday the Extended Management Team (EMT) conducted a risk assessment exercise, and this morning the Covid-19 Management Response Committee (CMRC) met to evaluate our state of readiness for the first phase of return of staff and students and to make a recommendation to the Management Executive Committee (MEC)

Staff

I am pleased to report that staff who form part of the first 33% cohort may return to campus from Wednesday, **8 July 2020**. Staff in this category will receive formal letters from Human Resources. Staff will be required to present these letters in order to access campus.

Staff who can work at home will continue to do so where their line managers have given consent.

Students

Students who form part of the first 33% cohort that may return to campus during Level 3 of the national lockdown will be invited back to campus in a *gradual* and *staggered* fashion. The first group of this cohort will be issued with permits to return to campus from **13 July 2020** onwards. Only students who are issued with a permit should return to campus. Permits are required in order to access the University. Students should adhere to the terms and conditions stated on the permit. Permits will be issued after our quarantine facilities have been inspected by the provincial Department of Health.

We are closely monitoring the national and provincial situation in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic and will implement all provincial and national directives.

We urge our staff and students, wherever you are, to take good care of your health and implement all the Covid-19 protocols. Our collective efforts in this regard are the strongest defence we have.

Sincerely

Professor Sakhela Buhlungu
Vice-Chancellor and Principal