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Dear Colleagues and Students

**CONFIRMATION OF TWO MORE COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES**

This notice serves as confirmation that two more staff members have tested positive for Covid-19, thus bringing the number of infected employees to four.

**Mr Simbongile Geqeza, Acting Chief Financial Officer** and a member of the Management Executive Committee is one of the two colleagues being reported on today. We thank him for giving us permission to disclose his details.

I can confirm that ever since the declaration of lockdown on 26<sup>th</sup> March, Mr Geqeza has been working from home. There is therefore no risk of him having been in contact with another employee after contracting the virus.

While the Acting CFO is away, requests for urgent approvals (only), should be sent to his PA, Mrs Siviwe Magqabi on [SMagqabi@ufh.ac.za](mailto:SMagqabi@ufh.ac.za).

**The fourth employee is based in Alice** and the university is currently in the process of determining whether he/she may have been in contact with other employees. This is in order to roll out the necessary Covid-19 safety protocols.

All four colleagues are currently in isolation. May each day bring them closer to a full and speedy recovery.

We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge a number of requests by members of the university community to share a bit more detail about the location of the infected staff member (eg faculty/department/building name). We are still consulting with the relevant Covid-19 authorities on the legality of disclosing such details without the consent of the affected employee. We will revert as soon as clarity has been sought.

We thank staff and students in advance for heeding the Vice-Chancellor's call to stay safe and observe Covid-19 precautionary measures.

Sincerely

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