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VICE-CHANCELLOR and PRINCIPAL

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Dear Staff and Students

UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL LOCKDOWN AND DATE FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO REOPEN

The national lockdown has been extended for another two weeks until the end of April. We are closely monitoring the national situation for any further updates and are in engagement with the Department of Higher Education and Training and colleagues from other universities through Universities South Africa (USAf). A date for the reopening of the University will be announced in due course.

We encourage you to engage with online materials as far as possible to keep abreast of your academic work. The ICT Division has set out in its communique to the university community on 14 April 2020 the university sites that are zero-rated for data and contact details of the ICT Division for support in this regard.

These are extremely difficult times and the rapid spread and increasing fatalities linked to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to generate massive anxiety and trauma in our communities, the province, the country and the rest of the world. I appeal to all students and staff to obey the directives by the President, the Minister of Health and other authorised government officials.

We hope that you are keeping safe and we wish you good health and resilience during this time.

Sincerely

Professor Sakhela Buhlungu
Vice-Chancellor and Principal