



## COMMUNIQUE TO STAFF, STUDENTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, FUNDERS/SPONSORS AND ALUMNI

### COMMUNIQUE ON COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS

**Dear Staff, Students, Parents/Guardians, Funders/Sponsors and Alumni**

As previously indicated in the college communicate dated 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has presented us with a challenge that requires us to do things differently, and more importantly to work together as a community.

The college is aware of the heightened anxiety levels caused by many factors, chief among them being the emergence of positive COVID-19 cases at its campuses, including the Central Office.

We are working with various stakeholders including, Higher Health, various Non-Governmental Organisations and Department of Health. Furthermore, the college is part of the Lejweleputswa District Joint Command Committee for Covid-19.

As soon as a positive case is reported to the college, Higher Health and Department of Health are informed to work with the college to initiate the protocols necessary for dealing with such instances. To date the college has officially received notification of the following cases:

Delivery Site	Number of cases	Categories
Central Office	2	College officials
Welkom Campus	1	Student
Tosa Campus	3	1 Student, 2 College Officials
Skills Academy	0	
Meloding Satellite	0	

The above are the official cases that have been reported to the college with the necessary evidence. The College is treating all cases as per the protocols documented by both the Department of Health and Higher Health.

We also take this opportunity to make everyone aware that The Disaster Management Act Regulations, 2020, describes the following offences, amongst others:

- unauthorised disclosure of information in COVID-19 Tracing Database or obtained during contact tracing.
- publishing of any statement to deceive any person about COVID-19

The college is aware that there is a lot of speculation around the status of other people. These have not been reported to us and we urge all to refrain from labelling and stigmatising people unnecessarily. Official communication regarding developments at college sites is posted in the college social media platforms.

The COVID-19 regulations make provision for certain categories of staff to work from home. These categories are based on age and existing illnesses (known as comorbidities). The college has 20 staff members working from home because of the above arrangement. These members are not COVID-19 positive but are merely working from home due the vulnerability that the COVID-19 virus may pose to them.

The college urges everyone to practice social distancing, always wear masks and wash hands regularly.

Working together we can achieve more. Let us all join hands to combat this pandemic.

Yours sincerely.



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