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To All Staff and Students

### **ALERT: COVID-19 REMAINS A SERIOUS THREAT**

We are reminded that the Coronavirus remains a serious threat to health and life despite South Africa having recently moved to Level 1 in its COVID-19 strategy. Health and safety protocols **must** continue to be strictly adhered to if a resurgence of the disease is to be averted.

Level 1 has more students eligible to return to campus, and for most sectors of the country's economy to be revived. The decreasing number of daily new infections informed this decision. On 27 September, this number of infections stood at 1 268 in South Africa.

Across the world, though, a significant number of countries are experiencing a second wave of COVID-19 infections - a deadly disease for which **there is still no cure or vaccine**.

Globally, Europe is experiencing a resurgence in COVID-19 cases after successfully slowing down initial outbreaks early in the year. Some countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Montenegro and North Macedonia have seen higher case numbers in August than they did earlier in the year.

France, the UK, Poland, the Netherlands and Spain are dealing with the much-feared second wave and have started implementing measures to curb it. In all these countries, many education institutions and face-to-face classes have been affected by the second-wave resurgence in infections.

Some countries, such as Brazil and the United States, remain in the grip of a fearsome first wave of Covid-19.

We must continue to observe all health and safety protocols. These include:

- Wearing a mask at all times,
- Maintaining social/physical distancing,
- Washing or sanitising hands regularly,
- Complying with restrictions on large gatherings.

We have taken reasonable steps to ensure the health and safety of those who returned to campus in the past few months. We must continue to uphold and maintain these efforts.

The safety and protection of our staff and students remain paramount as the virus is still active and a serious threat in South Africa. Guided by scientific research, health experts, government and the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Educor will

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continue to take reasonable precautionary steps to protect the lives of our students, staff and visitors, as necessary.

We wish all our students a productive and successful second semester of studies and conclusion of the academic year 2020.

Do take care and remain safe.



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