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All student email from Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President

Dear Students

Many of you will by now have heard of the State's intent to ease the 'stay at home' lockdown restrictions from midnight on Saturday.

It is our understanding at this time that the university can therefore reopen for business on Monday of next week.

By reopening, we mean that lectures will remain online and any face to face teaching or research activities will be delivered on-campus in accordance with the applicable COVID19 infection control measures, including meeting physical distancing requirements.

Our gyms, libraries, computer barns and student lounges will similarly reopen on Monday.

All on-campus research activities will resume, with experimental research facilities accessible from noon on Monday – to allow for technical readiness.

I understand that many of you are anxious about the postponement of examinations – we are working to reinstate the examination timetable with a minimum of disruption. All students will receive detailed information regarding the scheduling of their examinations in the next 12 hours from Student and Academic Services.

In every case the university can make provision for special considerations (see: [Assessment Policy](#)) and will be making every effort to support students in light of these unusual circumstances. I sincerely apologise for any stress and anxiety these changes may have caused.

Placements are no longer postponed, but remain subject to the ability of providers to support them.

To say that this has been a challenging week is an understatement. I look forward to seeing you all back about our campuses from Monday.

Enjoy the weekend & best regards,

All staff email from Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President

Dear Colleagues

Many of you will by now have heard of the State's intent to ease the 'stay at home' lockdown restrictions from midnight on Saturday.

It is our understanding at this time that the University can therefore reopen for business on Monday of next week, with all staff returning to work.

By reopening, we mean that lectures will remain online and any face to face teaching or research activities will be delivered on-campus in accordance with the applicable COVID19 infection control measures, including meeting physical distancing requirements.

Our gyms, libraries, computer barns and student lounges will similarly reopen on Monday.

All on-campus research activities will resume, with experimental research facilities accessible from noon on Monday – to allow for technical readiness.

Any staff who need to work from home are still being supported to do so, subject to them having line manager approved remote working plans in place.

The Provost & Chief Academic Officer and the Chief Academic Services Officer will be liaising directly with academic units with instructions on how examinations are to be re-instated in the near term and on the logistics of managing the impact of any lost teaching and learning time arising from the restrictions applied this week.

To say that this has been a challenging week is an understatement. Thanks for your continued flexibility and professionalism. I look forward to seeing you all about our campuses from Monday.

Enjoy the weekend & best regards,