

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY
POSTGRADUATE (PG) STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RE-OPENING OF THE
UNIVERSITY -FALL 2021

To be read in conjunction with Guidelines issued time to time from HEC and NUST for COVID-19 Environment. Any revision in these guidelines will be communicated through CMS

1. **Introduction.** In the light of HEC Guidelines and various Government SOPs regarding COVID Pandemic, phase wise re-opening of the university has been deliberated and finalized. Objective is to ensure safe and healthy conditions on reopening of the university to prevent and reduce the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic. Important instructions in this regard are given in the ensuing paras.
2. **Stepwise Reopening Plan – PG.** The reopening plan is based on the density relative to campus infrastructure, and successful implementation of the safety protocols. Students' density in classrooms and labs etc. will not exceed 50% of the designed capacity. Students are being accommodated on campus in a phased manner. The start of semester on 18 Oct 2021.
3. **Arrival Procedure for Hostel Students – PG.** All the Hostel Students will join with required documentations, i.e., PCR test reports, affidavit and Health declaration, details given in para 9. After joining, Students shall not leave the campus without proper permission in any case. The students will be allowed to arrive to their hostels in a phased manner on fixed dates. The arrival plan of MS students on 18 Oct 2021.
4. Failure to report on the due data may result in cancellation of the rooms.
5. **Arrival Procedure– PG.** All the students will join with required documentations i.e, affidavit, Health declaration etc, details given in para 9.
6. Day scholars will join the university as per the start of fall semester dates as per the following plan:
 - a. **MS Entry 2020 and PhD students.** Will join the university as per the start of their fall semester date i.e., 18th Oct 2021.
 - b. **MS Entry 2021.** Will join university on 11 to 13 Oct 2021 for their orientation week. Detailed schedule for orientation would be shared.
 - c. **Transport Plan.** Students availing the transport will be informed by DD Adm according to their groups.
7. **Conduct of Classes.** All PG classes will be conducted in FTF mode. If the class strength exceeds 30 then dual mode by dividing the class in groups to maintain class population to a max of 30 x students. Students will be divided into two groups (Group A & Group-B) for each syndicate. Both groups will attend 50% classes in Face to Face (FTF) Mode and 50% in Distance Learning (DL) mode but on alternate dates

of the working days. For example, the schedule for the first two weeks would be as follows:-

Week#	Mode	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of October 18, 2021	FTF	Group-A	Group-B	Group-A	Group-B	Group-A
	DL	Group-B	Group-A	Group-B	Group-A	Group-B
Week of October 25, 2021	FTF	Group-B	Group-A	Group-B	Group-A	Group-B
	DL	Group-A	Group-B	Group-A	Group-B	Group-A

8. Every student would be facilitated to attend at least 50% classes in FTF mode and 50% in DL mode on alternate days/dates.

10. All assessments (Sessional, Mid term Semester and End Semester Exams) will be carried out in FTF.

9. **Guidelines for Students Returning to the Campus**

a. Students having any of the symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home and seek medical attention and inform their School accordingly by email, WhatsApp or SMS etc.

b. **Affidavit**. Submission of **Affidavit** stating that students will adhere to all safety protocols and other instructions and they will not hold the University liable if they get infected despite safety protocols. Parents/Guardians should sign the Form (attached as **Anx-A**).

c. **Health Declaration**. Submission of **Health Declaration** stating that student is in good health and whether they have undergone any COVID-19 testing or treatment during the closure period. Parents/ Guardians should sign the declaration (attached as **Anx-B**).

d. **Convid-19 Vaccination**. The students must bring COVID-19 vaccination certificate. Only vaccinated/partially vaccinated students will be allowed to attend academic activities inside the College.

10. **Arrival Procedure (Hostelites)**

a. Students must submit COVID-19 test report on arrival to their respective Hostel Manager.

b. Students returning to Campus should read all instructions carefully and anyone whomay be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must share the information with respective Manager.

c. Please adhere COVID-19 SOPs while travelling.

11. **Safety Protocols (SOPs)**

a. Wear a mask at all times when in a public place in Campus.

b. Maintain social/ physical distancing of 6 feet in classrooms, laboratories, libraries, cafeterias, offices, corridors and staircases.

- c. Maintain good hygiene practices. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap or use hand sanitizer. Always dry your hands before leaving bathroom. Use tissue paper (and dispose it properly) or elbow crook while sneezing / coughing.
- d. Awareness messages will be posted / updated regularly to reinforce safety protocols
i.e. Notice Boards of Hostels
- e. Review latest updates and general guidance provided by the University on CMS.
- f. Use community washrooms in accordance with designated protocols.
- g. Limit your movements. Try not to move around the Campus.

12. **Individual Precautions.**

Students to strictly abide the following preventive measures:-

- a. Entry as per existing SOPs i.e. Face Mask and Temp check at the gates
- b. Using sanitizer at entry points in Hostels.
- c. Social distancing in dining halls must be maintained and follow the instructions provided.
- d. Covering face while cough or sneeze with tissue paper or an elbow.
- e. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth frequently.
- f. Repeated and diligent hand washing at least 20 seconds after every hour.
- g. Door / Cupboard handles, Laptops, Cell Phones must be disinfected repeatedly.
- h. If any Student residing in the hostel start feeling unwell or any symptoms, then he / she should report to NUST Medical Centre (NMC) with info to their respective Manager Hostel.
- i. Café will only provide delivery / take away services.
- j. Fine / disciplinary actions will be imposed / taken on any violation of COVID-19 SOPs:-
 - (1) 1st Violation - Rs. 500/- fine
 - (2) 2nd Violation - Rs. 1,000/- fine
 - (3) 3rd Violation - Student will be expelled from the hostel

Affidavit Regarding Returning to University
(COVID-19 Situation)
(To be submitted to Parent School)

I _____

Son / Daughter of _____

NUST Registration No. _____ studying in Program _____

At School / College _____ of

NUST hereby certify that I will adhere by all COVID-19 safety protocols / polices and instructions given in this regard, and that I will not hold the university liable if I contract thevirus in spite of the safety protocols.

Name of the
Student: _____
CNIC No. _____
Signature: _____

Countersigned By Parents / Guardian

Signature: _____
Name: _____
CNIC No. _____
Date: _____
Address: _____

Note: This is just a format, this undertaking has to be made on Rs. 100/- stamp paper and has to be stamped and signed by Oath Commissioner / Notary public.

Health Declaration
(COVID-19 Situation)
(To be submitted to Parent School)

I _____

Son / Daughter of _____

NUST Registration No. _____ studying in Program _____

At School / College _____ of

NUST hereby certify that I am in good health , and have not undergone under any COVID-19 testing and/or treatment during the closure period, or have undergone COVID-19 testing and treatment during the closure period from _____ 2021 to _____ 2021

Name of the

Student: _____

CNIC No. _____

Signature: _____

Countersigned By Parents / Guardian

Signature: _____

Name: _____

CNIC No. _____

Date: _____

Address: _____