



**SANGAM INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTHCARE
EDUCATION**



BACK-TO-COLLEGE COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

1. BACKGROUND

In light of Government advisory to re-open schools on the 30th June, the Sangam College of Nursing welcomed back students for face-to-face mode on Monday 6th July, 2020. In doing so, the College was guided by the FHEC Memo #03/20 titled “**COVID-19 Health Guidelines for HEIs**” (**Attachment 1**) and implemented the following:

2. OBJECTIVES

- Support students, faculty, visitors and the college community to prevent the transmission and spread of Covid-19 in line with national public health guidance, and ensure the well-being of all stakeholders in all SCN-managed facilities and clinical sites of the MOHMS
- Support the safe and inclusive return to the College for students, faculty and the College community

3. ACTIVITIES

- a. Risk communication and college community engagement:
 - i. Information, Education and Communication material posted on College premises and on College website
 - ii. COVID-19 awareness sessions (via video presentation & discussion groups)
 - iii. Mock exercises involving students, faculty and ancillary staff in the form of
 - Group work
 - Scenario-based exercises to reinforce case management protocolUsing the WHO Risk Communication & Community Engagement Tool (**Attachment 2**)
 - iv. Informed consent will be secured from each student after the awareness session and before embarking on clinical attachment. These will be kept at the College for future reference if needed.

- b. Infection prevention and control
 - i. Hand hygiene:
 - 1. Provision of hand soaps at each sink basin in the College premises
 - 2. Provision of hand sanitizers in all rooms at the College
 - 3. Provision of hand sanitizers & soap in Clinical Tutor's office at the health facilities
 - 4. Provision of gloves both at the College and health facilities
 - ii. Respiratory etiquette demonstration:
 - 1. Provision of cloth masks to each student
 - 2. Provision of disposable masks both at the College and health facilities
 - 3. Provision of face shields both at the College and health facilities – in case they are required
 - iii. Practice social distancing:
 - 1. Maintain 1.5 meter² between everyone as much as possible
 - 2. Amend roster to minimize student population in classrooms and clinical sites
 - 3. Wearing of masks for sessions that social distancing may not be ideally achieved eg. lecture hall
 - iv. Environmental cleaning:
 - 1. Regular cleaning of College environment by housekeepers – surfaces, toilets, hand basins, frequently touched surfaces such as door knobs and handles with disinfectant and soap and water
 - 2. Donning of proper PPE's whilst cleaning
 - ii. Proper donning and doffing of PPE's:
 - 1. Provision of disposable gowns both at the College and health facilities – in case they are required
- c. Surveillance
 - i. Daily screening for body temperature via infrared thermometer & documentation
 - ii. Interview for history of fever or feeling feverish in the previous 24 hours, on entry into the building for all staff, students and visitors to identify persons who are sick

d. Case management protocol for students, faculty and college community

i. STAY AT HOME IF UNWELL

- ii. Ensure students who have been in contact with a COVID-19 case stay home for 14 days
- iii. Report to health authorities on telephone number 158
If symptoms develop/or are observed while on College premises:
- iv. The school OHS officials (preferably the Chairperson) should notify public health authorities in case of a suspected COVID-19 case on telephone number 158
- v. Procedures for students or staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 or are feeling unwell in any way:
 - 1. To be isolated in a designated area from others
 - 2. Await instructions from health authorities
 - 3. All contacts within the College to await contact tracing and to remain on College premises
 - 4. Communication with parents/guardian - Inform parents about the measures the school is putting in place and ask for cooperation to report any other cases of COVID-19 that may be evident in the household.
- vi. If in case that there is a positive case admitted in any of the health facilities that the students are working in, and in collaboration with the executive management of the facility, immediate extraction of students from the facility will be instituted.

- e. It is mandatory that all students, faculty and College community download the CareFiji app from Google Playstore or Apple Store.

4. STUDENT SUPERVISION

The College is committed to ensure a reasonable tutor: student ratio of 1:10-15 is maintained at all clinical attachment sites.

5. AUTHORITY

Signed:	_____
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Date:	15/07/2020