



The Corona Virus Rapid Response Team

As part of its Disaster Preparedness Strategy, Africa University has called to action its Rapid Response Team mandated to continuously scan the environment for any threats to the University community's well-being. This is a standing committee that has met during the onset of other major threats such as the Ebola outbreak in the DRC in 2017, the 2018 Cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe and Cyclone Idai in 2019 to name a few.

Our Interventions

- Sensitisation programs and updates to educate the University community about the pandemic through public notices and online platforms have been implemented. A community-wide address was held on the 18 th of March 2020 to disseminate accurate information about the causes, symptoms, effects as well as strategies to curb the virus. This event was addressed by the Vice Chancellor Professor Munashe Furusa who emphasised the need to observe social distancing and other World Health Organisation (WHO) recommended measures to combat the spread of the virus.
- Continued consultation and liaison with the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare through the Manicaland Provincial Medical Directorate on issues relating to the pandemic.
- Public offices and strategic places around the University have since been equipped with alcohol –based hand sanitizers with mobile handwashing units placed throughout the campus to curb the possible spread of the virus.
- Management meetings are being held frequently so as to adequately respond to the rapid changes and infection rates on the continent especially those from which the University's international community hail.
- The University is closing on the 24 th of March 2020, in line with the Government directive issued on the 19 th of March 2020, however, learning and related instruction will continue online so as to ensure that students' academic progression shall continue uninterrupted. All staff shall continue to report for duty until advised otherwise.
- The University continues to encourage the community to adhere to the World Health Organisation's recommended guidelines to minimise the possible spread of the pandemic.

