



# OSUN STATE UNIVERSITY

## UNIOSUN COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

### **1.0 : INTRODUCTION**

Following the confirmation of the COVID-19 infection index-case in Nigeria on February 27, 2020. The federal, state and several government parastatals as well stakeholders in higher education in Nigeria like the Nigeria Universities Commission, embarked on several mitigation steps, such as, immediate shutting down of universities in Nigeria to contain the spread of the deadly disease among the people. It is no more news, that Senate of the university, in line with this directive directed all students to vacate our campuses and proceed home until further notice.

Flowing from this, the federal government, through the Federal Ministry of Education and Nigeria Universities Commission (NUC) directed all universities to explore the online-mode lecture delivery and interaction to engage the students during this ongoing lockdown. As a response to directive, flowing from the above and conscious of the implications of keeping students' home, when they were not on holidays, the federal government of Nigeria (FGN), through the Federal Ministry of Education and Nigeria Universities Commission (NUC) directed all Nigerian universities to explore the online-mode lecture delivery and interaction to engage the students during this ongoing lockdown. As a response, Uniosun, embark on several steps to bring the university up-to-date, with online teaching and knowledge sharing. Among the steps explored was the need to have Uniosun-based Learning Management System (LMS).

The strategies for the containment of COVID-19 have now entered the final phase, with the gradual easing of lockdown across the country. As a proactive institution, we have decontaminated the academic and accommodation facilities. We have also provided guidelines for the cleaning and disinfection of the environment, as we prepare to reopen the university for business.

On behalf of the Council, Senate and Management, I wish to thank the committee for the development of these science-based guidelines for the cleaning and disinfection of our university environment.

Please stay safe as you observe the protocols, even beyond COVID-19.

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Vice- Chancellor

## **2.0      UNIOSUN COVID-19 Protocols**

Staff, students and other members of the public must adhere strictly to the following protocols when coming to campus for Lectures, Practical classes, Moot court Proceedings, and other academic activities within the University environment.

### **General Protocol on Arrival**

1. All students, Staff and Visitors must come in through the main gate of the University. Entering the University environment through jungles is totally prohibited.
2. Any Student, Staff or member of the public with sign(s) or symptom(s) of fever, cough, fatigue, or, who feels ill, or who had contact with a person that tested positive for COVID-19, must stay away from Campus/College, University Farms, Laboratories, Moot courtrooms, or any other academic environment within the University. Such Staff/Student/ visitor should please call COVID-19 helpline 293 for medical assistance.
3. Staff and students arriving from COVID-19 epicenters, must sincerely subject themselves to special screening on arrival.
4. Every staff, student or visitor must pass through UNIOSUN COVID-19 sanitizing cubicles placed at strategic entrances or exits of every College/Campus.
5. Greetings without body contact, such as thumb up, hand waving, nodding are allowed. Hugging, handshake, and kissing are strictly prohibited until further notice.
6. Staff and students must subject themselves to the screening exercise organized by the University Health Centre. Staff and students are advised to download from the University website a COVID-19 Status Preliminary Assessment form for either staff or student as the case may be. Students must ensure that their parents or Guardians endorse the attestation on their form. The completed COVID-19 Status Preliminary Assessment form must be submitted during screening on arrival.
7. Coughing, sneezing, yawning must be done into elbow while spitting on ground must be done in line with the rule of hygiene,
8. Wearing of face mask before entering the University and within the University premises is mandatory to all Staff, Students and Visitors. Violators may face suspension or be handed over to COVID-19 Task Force of the University, for prosecution and appropriate sanction.
9. Every staff and student must make use of Bio-Security at strategic entrances of the Colleges, University Farms, Laboratories, Animal houses, Moot courtrooms and other important academic places.
10. All Students and Staff must have a portable hand sanitizer which must be used from time to time. Please note that this inflammable fluid should be kept away from sources of fire.
11. Staff, Students and Visitors must be accustom to the use of hand sanitizer before and after using public facilities such as Toilets, Hand railings, Cash Machines like Automated Teller Machine (ATM) and Point of Sale machine (POS).
12. Routine medical check-up on Students and Staff members is compulsory.
13. All staff, students and visitors must obey the general rules of hygiene.

### **Protocols During Lectures, Practicals, University Farming, Moot court proceedings etc**

14. Lecturers should comply with the University policy on dual mode of teaching (Face-to-face and virtual) base on the class size and the capacity of the lecture rooms.
15. All teaching involving 50 students and above, must be done virtually.
16. All students must be seated in the Lecture rooms 15 minutes before the commencement of the Face-to-face Lectures.
17. Doors must be closed immediately a lecture commences.
18. Every face-to-face Lecture must terminate 15 minutes to the end of the lecture.
19. Sizable number of students must work in the Laboratories, University Farms, Moot Court rooms and other places of academic activities. Students and Staff must therefore conduct their practical, proceedings or lectures and other academic activities in line with social distancing order of at least two meters (2m).
20. Visitors are not allowed into lecture rooms, Laboratories, University Farms, Moot Courts and other places of academic activities.
21. Laboratory Coats/Overall/hand gloves must not be worn outside the Laboratories or University Farms to prevent cross contamination.
22. Users of Laboratory tools must clean and disinfect their tools before and after use.
23. If possible, equipment and tool should be labeled and assigned to every individual by the Officer in charge.
24. Any Student that interacts with members of the public during collection of secondary data must subject him/herself to special screening on arrival.
25. All extra curriculum activities such as football, cultural day, sign-out, dinner party, and other related social gathering must be put on hold until further notice.

### **3.0 OTHERS**

- 1) Every Department must ensure that students' sitting areas during lectures, practical classes, Moot Court proceedings and other academic activities are properly identified and marked in line with social distancing order.
- 2) Every Faculty/unit/ centre must provide hand washing bowls, soap, clean water and hand sanitizers at designated places.
- 3) University should organize a screening exercise to ascertain the COVID-19 status of returning students.
- 4) Projectors should be made available at designated classrooms
- 5) Fumigation of Hostels, Laboratories, Moot Court rooms and other key offices should be done now in preparation for the resumption of students and regularly by the University.
- 6) University should continue to virtually sensitize parents and students on the danger of COVID 19 pandemic before the resumption of students.
- 7) Every Department must conduct for their students, virtual orientation programme for fresh students, colloquium, and virtual seminar awareness on COVID-19.