

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS. TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. WEST INDIES

INTERNAL COMMUNIQUÉ

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Update on Phased Resumption of Campus Operations

Dear Colleagues,

As you know, we continue to be guided by the re-opening plans for the country. Today – May 30, Prime Minister Dr. The Honourable Keith Rowley announced that the start of Phase 3 will begin on Monday, June 1 and subsequently Phase 4 on Monday, June 8. I take this opportunity to put this most recent announcement into the context of our Campus operations.

At present, we continue our plant readiness activities which are being led by the Incident Management Team (IMT), the Division of Facilities Management (DFM) and the Occupational Health, Safety and the Environment (OHSE) Unit. As always, the priority is to ensure that our Campus is safe for occupation by all members of staff, students and the wider community. As such, we need to fully complete these assessments and allow for the necessary cleaning of office spaces. In this regard, we look to a phased resumption of Campus operations. Guidelines for the resumption were sent to the Deans, Directors and Heads of Department and the exact dates for reopening will soon be shared, so that staff members can make the requisite arrangements.

As we work towards readying our Campus for resumed operations, I want to extend my gratitude to those who have been on the ground, conducting assessments to ensure that we have a safe space for all.

I ask for your kind support to share this message widely with all colleagues, especially those who do not readily have email access.

Thank you and I encourage you continue to diligently follow the guidelines of physical distancing, hand hygiene and wearing of masks.

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