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UPLIFTING OF THE COVID-19 VACCINATION POLICY - MITIGATION STRATEGIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

The UFS Council lifted the requirements in terms of the UFS COVID-19 Regulations and Required Vaccination Policy with immediate effect.

This implies that the UFS will return to normal operational capacity and requirements. The current teaching and learning model that was in place during the first semester of 2022 will continue until further notice.

In terms of the lifting of the policy, staff and students will no longer be required to present a vaccination certificate QR code or a negative PCR or Anti-gen test result QR code on entry to campuses.

This will also apply to visitors and contractors, noting the normal access control procedure that must be followed. Staff and students must be in possession of staff and student cards and are requested to ensure that the required cards are in a working and legible condition to gain entry to campuses. This will imply that visitors must report to the Visitor Centre at the Bloemfontein Campus and to security at the QwaQwa and South Campuses.

The lifting of the policy also no longer requires applications for events to be submitted to the Covid-19 Compliance Officers in terms of the Labour and Health Regulations, but staff and students must take note that applications for events must still be submitted to the Events Office at University Estates or to the office of the Executive Director: Student Affairs who must ensure that the UFS complies with the stipulations of the relevant legislation in terms of the hosting of large events. Enquiries in this regard can be directed to events@ufs.ac.za (staff and external role player events) or to MotsekiR@ufs.ac.za (student events).

The use of UFS sport facilities will be facilitated through Kovsie Sport and this must be done in compliance with the necessary legislation, with specific reference to the Safety at Sports and Recreational Events Act (2 of 2010).
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The UFS will also again make its facilities available for persons from outside campuses (inclusive of church groups, conferences, concerts in the existing theatres). It is important to note that the



necessary protocols of the Events Office situated in University Estates must be complied with in terms of the Safety at Sport and Recreational Events Act (2 of 2010). Enquiries in this regard can be directed to events@ufs.ac.za.

University Estates will ensure that the following controlling measures will still be in place:

- Awareness poster (symptoms, prevention and sanitizing).
- Sanitizer and paper towels.
- Lecture halls and offices to be ventilated.

The Management of the UFS would like to express its appreciation to all staff members, students, contractors and visitors for assisting the institution to create a safe work environment over the difficult past 28 months.

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