



# **DKIT Covid-19** Student Charter



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**At DkIT we are committed to doing everything within our power to keep our community safe and well. To do this, we have to make some necessary changes to the way we operate to ensure adherence to public health guidelines and help prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus.**

In partnership with the DkIT Student's Union the Institute have developed the DkIT COVID-19 Student Charter. This charter together with our COVID-19 Return to Campus Induction Module sets out our commitment to you and outlines what is expected from our students throughout the academic year.

### **As an Institute:**

- Our priority continues to be the health and wellbeing of our community.
- We have introduced new health & safety protocols to minimise the risk of infection transmission while on campus and to ensure a safe learning environment for students.
- We are committed to providing the highest quality of education possible to our students. We are confident that this can be achieved whilst adhering to strict health and safety protocols which will safeguard our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- We are committed to ensuring that students have access to high-quality supports and services as they progress through their higher education journey and the Institute's priority continues to be the health and wellbeing of our community.
- We will be adopting a blended approach to teaching and learning. Our staff continue to work out the safest options for these academic plans
- We have developed plans in accordance with the 'Principles and Guidelines for the delivery of Higher Education Programmes in the 2020/21 Academic Year in the context of the Covid-19 Pandemic' and the Implementation Guidelines for Public Health Measures in HEIs.
- We will endeavour to provide dedicated spaces for students who have difficulty accessing their teaching remotely.



## As a student of DkIT you will be expected to:

- Agree that you will follow and adhere to DkIT's Guidelines and Public Health Guidelines related to reducing the spread of Covid-19.
- Understand that guidelines and advice are likely to change on a regular basis and you will take personal responsibility for ensuring you are up to date with the latest information which is available at: [www.dkit.ie/about-dkit/coronavirus/back-to-college.html](http://www.dkit.ie/about-dkit/coronavirus/back-to-college.html) and [www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/](http://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/)
- Download and use the free COVID19 Tracker app that will help to protect each other and slow the spread of coronavirus in Ireland.
- Undertake to take all necessary health and safety precautions to protect yourself and others.
- Adhere to the mandatory and proper wearing of a face covering/mask indoors on all DkIT campus environments. If you are unable to wear a face covering/mask you will provide medical verification to the Health Unit and or your Academic department.
- Adhere to all hygiene precautions including proper hand hygiene (washing and sanitising), respiratory hygiene and relevant social distancing measures as detailed in [www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/](http://www2.hse.ie/coronavirus/)
- Adhere to all of the environmental safety measures throughout your time on campus.
- Adhere to National Guidelines outlined in [www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/](http://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/75d92-covid-19-travel-advice/) with respect the protocols which are to be followed before, during and after any travel to and from Ireland.
- Commit that you will not attend campus or any learning environment if you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 or if you experience Covid-19 symptoms and/or considered a close contact to a positive case. Follow guidance to self-isolate and get a test. You may contact [healthunit@dkit.ie](mailto:healthunit@dkit.ie) if you need advice or assistance.
- Agree that if you become unwell on campus with COVID-19 like symptoms, you will leave the campus immediately, returning safely to your accommodation and without compromising others. You will follow guidance to self-isolate and get a test.
- Restrict your campus activity to on-campus timetabled classes and access to pre booked support services. All services can be booked prior to attending campus by emailing the relevant service.
- Contact [Studentservices@dkit.ie](mailto:Studentservices@dkit.ie) to avail of access to dedicated spaces if you are having difficulty accessing your teaching remotely.
- As a member of the DkIT community you will behave appropriately, consider others, follow national and local advice and the public health guidelines, act responsibly and uphold the core values and policies of our institution.