



PRESS RELEASE
(For Immediate Release)

**Advisory on Resumption of
Academic Calendar**

**REOPENING OF UNIVERSITIES &
TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS**

Pursuant to the Presidential Directive issued during the **Twelfth (12th) Presidential Address to the Nation on the Coronavirus Pandemic** which was delivered by **His Excellency the President** on Monday, 28th September, 2020, and following broad-based stakeholder consultations, the **Ministry of Education** notifies the public that the progressive re-opening of education institutions will commence with the re-opening of universities and tertiary institutions with effect from **Monday, 5th October, 2020.**

The specifics of the same are as follows:

- I. The examination classes of Teachers Training Colleges (TTCs) and Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions will report on **Monday, 5th October, 2020;**
- II. The Boards of the TTCs and the TVETs will announce the resumption date for in-person learning for other classes, with priority being accorded to students undertaking practical courses;



- III. Final Year Students in all Universities and their Constituent Colleges will report on **Monday, 5th October, 2020**; and
- IV. The respective University Councils and their Senates will announce the date for resumption of in-person learning for students in other academic classes, with priority being accorded to those **undertaking science-based courses**.

Safe resumption of in-person learning in all Universities and Tertiary Institutions **requires utmost fidelity** to the Ministry of Health's COVID-19 protocols and guidelines. Guided by those protocols and guidelines, it is directed **THAT**:

1. All learning institutions will be required to **mandatorily enforce** strict adherence to the COVID-19 health and safety protocols, which include; monitoring of the body temperature for all learners and all other persons accessing the institutions, observance of high levels of hygiene, handwashing/use of sanitizers, and the adoption of innovative approaches to uphold the guidelines on physical and social distancing and the use of face masks/shields;
2. All Universities and tertiary institutions that had been designated as quarantine centres shall be fumigated under the supervision of the Ministry of Health prior to their re-opening;



3. All universities and tertiary institutions must be linked to a health facility prior to being re-opened;
4. All learning institutions shall provide psychosocial and spiritual support to learners and staff during the subsistence of the current pandemic;
5. Councils/Boards and Vice-Chancellors/Principals shall ensure full compliance with the guidelines and protocols issued by the Ministry of Health; failure to which their respective institutions will be closed for breaching those health protocols and guidelines; and
6. Education officials, in conjunction with Public Health Officials, will continuously monitor and review the levels of compliance with respect to the aforementioned measures.

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CABINET SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION

Tuesday, 29th September, 2020