

Ten Point Summary on Guidelines for resumption of activities in Universities in Sri Lanka

1. The decision on resumption of the University to be made at the district level with the help of RDHS and the District or Provincial CCP and the MOH of the University health area, after considering the case load in the area, hostel facilities etc.
2. The local health authorities to attend meeting with the COVID committee and the administration of the University.
3. A **University COVID-19 committee** should be formed at each university, consisting of a
 - Chairperson (Vice Chancellor of the University or preferably an academic with a medical background)
 - Minimum of two other members from a medical background
 - The Registrar of the University
 - The University Medical Officer
 - The Public Health Inspector/s
 - The Medical Officer of Health of the area
 - One representative, preferably the Chairpersons of the faculty COVID Committee
4. A **Faculty COVID-19 committee** should be established at all Faculties.
5. Resumption of Universities would **NOT necessarily mean that all students and staff to be present at the same time within the University.**
6. On resumption of the University
 - a. It is proposed that **ALL large groups teaching learning activities** should continue online.
 - b. Teaching learning activities that unquestionably **need face to face teaching, can be on site** at the University or at designated teaching locations or places.
 - c. Such face to face teaching activities should depend on the following:
 - i. The capacity in the teaching space, which should not exceed 50% seating capacity. (ie to enable minimal distance between two people).
 - ii. The above mentioned teaching space should be held in rooms and halls that are preferably “open” (open windows, open doors, exhaust fans or open-air) rather than “closed up” with recirculating air.
 - iii. The hostel facilities in the university, as it is recommended that one student per a small room or 50% of the bigger rooms or 50% of the dormitories be accommodated.
 - iv. Transport of students to and fro to the university. The seating capacity should not exceed 50% in transport vehicles.
 - v. Ensure that all public health measures can be adhered to.
7. A Public Health Specialist and a University Medical Officer to be assigned to a university, where possible.
8. Risk Communication Execution Committee to develop innovative Risk Communication advocacy groups and before resumption of the universities, messages from the guidelines to be transmitted via the IT department of the University and student groups to all staff and students of the university.
9. The power point presentation on guidelines to be presented and explained in the University for Advocacy. This should be at all levels, starting from the Deans and Vice Chancellors to the heads and academic and supportive staff.
10. All staff and students of the university to be fully vaccinated.