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Generic Preventive Measures (1/2)



Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible

Mandatory use of face covers/masks

Frequent hand washing with soap (40-60 secs). Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 20 secs)

Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed & proper disposal of used tissues



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Generic Preventive Measures

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Self-monitoring of health by all & reporting any illness at the earliest

Spitting to be strictly prohibited

Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App advised wherever feasible



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Before Re-Opening of Campuses



The Central or concerned State Govt must have declared the area safe for opening of educational institutions. The directions, instructions, guidelines and orders issued must be fully abided

Only universities & colleges outside the containment zones to be allowed to open

Students & staff living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend the colleges

Students & staff should be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zones

The faculty, staff and students should be encouraged to download 'Aarogya Setu App'





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Modalities for Physical Opening of Colleges/HEIs



Colleges/HEIs outside containment zones may be opened in a graded manner after consultations with concerned States/UTs & subject to adherence to SOP prepared by UGC as under:

For centrally funded HEIs, the Head of the Institution should satisfy herself/himself regarding feasibility of the opening of physical classes & decide accordingly

For all other HEIs like State Universities, Private Universities etc., opening of physical classes to be done as per the decision of the respective States/UTs





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Specific Measures to be taken

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Universities & colleges may plan opening the campuses in phases, with activities where COVID appropriate behaviour can be easily followed

Universities & colleges to ensure not more than 50% of the total students are present at any point & necessary COVID-19 protocols are observed

All research & postgraduate students in science & technology programmes may join as they are comparatively less in number & COVID preventive measures can be easily enforced

Final year students may also be allowed to join for academic & placement purposes, as per the decision of the head of the institution



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Specific Measures to be taken (2/2)



For other programmes online/distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching & shall be encouraged

Students may visit their departments in a small number after seeking prior appointments for faculty consultations

Institutions may provide online study material & access to e-resources to students who may opt to study online

Online teaching-learning arrangements should be made for international students who couldn't join the programme due to travel restrictions or visa-related issues



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Safety Measures



At Entry/ Exit Point(s)

Crowding must be avoided at entry/exit points

Staggered timings of entry & exit with limited strength for different programmes to be followed

Ensure queue management inside and outside the premises

specific markings on the floor with a gap of 6 feet to be made & followed

Screening of students, faculty & staff, wearing of face covers/mask, sanitizing of hands etc. must be ensured at all entry points



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Safety Measures

In Classrooms & other Learning Sites (1/2)

Proper sanitization at all learning sites should be ensured

Mandatory cleaning & regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces in all classrooms, labs, other common areas etc. before the beginning of classes & at the end of the day

Teaching materials, computers, laptops, printers, shall be regularly disinfected with 70% alcohol swipe



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Safety Measures

In Classrooms & other Learning Sites (2/2)

Sitting places in classes, computer labs, libraries etc. should be clearly marked, following physical distancing norms

At least one seat should be left vacant between two seats

Wearing face cover/mask is a must at all times & at all places inside the campus





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Safety Measures

Inside the Campus (1/3)



Cultural activities, meetings, etc. may be avoided

Extra-curricular & sports activities may be allowed where physical distancing is feasible & is in accordance with Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines

Adequate arrangements should be made for sanitizing the entire campus, including administrative and academic buildings, classrooms, labs, etc.

Proper sanitization of buses, other transport & official vehicles of the institution should be done





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Safety Measures

Inside the Campus (2/3)



Collection of used facemasks, PPE, hand gloves and their disposal should be ensured as per safety norms

Provision for proper disposal of used personal protection items and general waste should be followed in accordance with CPCB guidelines

For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed:

- Temperature setting of all AC devices to be in the range of 24-30°C
- Relative humidity to be in the range of 40-70%
- Intake of fresh air to be as much as possible & adequate cross ventilation





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Safety Measures

Inside the Campus (3/3)

Gymnasiums shall follow Ministry of Health & Family Welfare guidelines

Swimming Pool (wherever applicable) to remain closed

All employees who are at higher risk to take extra precautions, preferably not be exposed to any front-line work requiring direct contact with students





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Safety Measures

Hostels (1/2)

Hostels may be opened only in such cases where it is necessary while strictly observing the safety and health preventive measures

Sharing of rooms may not be allowed & symptomatic students not to be permitted under any circumstances

Residential students, before being allowed to attend classes, shall remain in quarantine and self-monitor their health for a period of 14 days, even if they bring a negative test report or the university/college plan to test them on arrival



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Safety Measures

Hostels (2/2)

No crowding in hostel areas, students should be called in phases to avoid crowding

Cleanliness to be maintained in dining areas, meals should be served in batches & takeaway options should be available





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Counselling & Guidance for Mental Health



Faculty members, students & staff should be made aware of the Web page 'Manodarpan' to provide psychosocial support <http://manodarpan.mhrd.gov.in/>

Universities/Colleges to set up helplines for mental health, psychological concerns & well-being of students & to be regularly monitored by Counsellors

Share video links & weblinks on practical tips for Mental Health during COVID-19, etc. of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on college website and with students & faculty

Behavioural Health: Psycho-Social toll free helpline -
0804611007





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Implementation of the Guidelines



Universities may adopt & implement these Guidelines in a transparent manner by making modifications to deal with particular situation(s) except in respect of those guidelines that are mandatory

In cases where restrictions on gathering of the public are imposed, the institutions may plan accordingly. In any case, it shall not cause any restrictions on the guidelines/directions issued by the appropriate Govt/competent authority

Every university/college has to ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary guidelines/directions issued by Central/State Govts, Ministry of Education or UGC from time to time

