



# Berea Group of Colleges

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## **BEREA COLLEGE CONTINUES WITH ONLINE CLASSROOMS DURING NATIONAL LOCKDOWN**

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians

During this time of national crisis, we thank you our valued students and parents for your patience and understanding as we look for the best solutions to help you continue with your studies. You have invested in your education and we are here to ensure that you complete your qualification and are one step closer to employment.

As a college, we stand in support of the National Lockdown announced by the president and encourage our students, parents, guardians and stakeholders to follow the health and safety measures implemented by government; stay indoors and help prevent the virus from spreading!

**For your safety, you are required to stay off campus from 26 March-16 April 2020.** This is a mandatory lockdown period and ALL 3 campuses will be closed for visits during this time. We however remain 'open' for service. For your convenience, all academic and admin staff, from our lecturers to support staff will be at your service from 8am-3:30pm from Monday to Friday during the national lockdown period. We have improved our online infrastructure, trained our staff and invested in technology to remain at your service – **online via our Digital Classrooms.**

### **HOW TO CONTACT US?**

We would appreciate it if you would address all academic queries to your lecturer (Group Admin.) or in the Online Classroom Group itself, but direct other customer related queries to the Centre for Student Relations, which is a free customer service to all our students and parents. For exams and other non-academic queries, call or WhatsApp your adviser directly.

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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

During this very critical period, we are requesting that you continue to implement the basic health measures published by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to keep you and your family safe.

- ✓ Hands – wash them thoroughly & regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer (above 60%).
- ✓ Elbow – cough into it.
- ✓ Face – don't touch it.
- ✓ Feet – stay more than 3 feet away from other people.
- ✓ Don't gather in areas with large crowds (sport events, clubs, concerts, socials etc.). Stay indoors and only go out for food and essential services.

If you or your family have travelled to another country or if you have come into contact with someone who has, please self-quarantine for 2 weeks. If you tested positive, please share the results via WhatsApp to the Department of Health's hotline number **0600 123 456** and also inform the College immediately, so we can take the necessary steps as a responsible College.

We have launched an online awareness campaign to educate our students and stakeholders on the COVID-19 epidemic and how to stay safe. Visit our social media pages and our websites to stay informed. We will also continue to send out regular communication to you.

We look forward to seeing you in person again in good health once this period of preventative measures is declared no longer necessary. We thank you once again for your continued support as we follow all precautionary measures and pray for our beloved country and the international community.

Yours sincerely,



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