



COVID-19: CREATIVE ACADEMY ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE REOPENING OF CAMPUS [28-05-2020]

In view of the Minister of Higher Education & Training's statement on 23 May 2020 regarding the reopening of institutions of higher learning from 1 June, the Creative Academy's response is as follows::

- We have decided not to reopen as allowed by government from 1 June for in-person teaching yet.
- We will follow a phased approach in allowing students to return to campus, starting with final-year students first, followed by students enrolled for practical courses, and finally all students (keeping to the 33% ratio as instructed by government).
- We will not commence with in-person teaching of any student group until the Creative Academy management is convinced that it would not put our students and staff at risk. Remote teaching and learning will continue until further notice.
- Taking the risk level at that stage into account, and since Cape Town's infection rate (at current predictions) is expected to peak in July, we plan to open **ONLY** the campus practical studios for students to work on their own from **20 July**. More details on the practical arrangements and safety protocols that must be followed will be communicated shortly.
- Third-year students could return to campus for in-person classes by the middle of Term 3 (**around 17 August**). A final decision will depend on the Covid-19 situation at that stage.
- If Cape Town is at Lockdown Level 1 at that stage, we will reopen the campus to all students for in-person teaching at the start of Term 4, which commences **21 September**.
- The Covid-19 situation in Cape Town will be monitored closely and will inform all decisions we take.
- Students will be notified of the various dates of reopening, and will be allowed 3 weeks to return to campus.
- Each and every student and staff member must complete the Covid-19 Student & Staff Health Survey (to be sent out soon) by **5 June**.
- Students and parents will be informed beforehand of all the protocols and measures that will be followed when campus reopens.
- The Creative Academy will communicate details of our reopening plans by **15 June**.

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