



**College of Education**

**Teacher and teacher trainees'  
protection during and after school  
reopening: the pedagogical aspects**

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# Introduction

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- ☰ Since March 2020, school closure due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- ☰ UR made remarkable efforts by strengthening online learning mainly for postgraduate students
- ☰ Distance education/online learning through Moodle e-learning platform
- ☰ For undergraduate students, modules uploaded on e-learning platform to encourage them to be familiar with online learning but no e-assessment was allowed.

# Preparation to reopening

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- ☞ Trainings and support on the use of MS Teams for lecturers and University leaders to reinforce e-learning platform.
- ☞ Before the reopening, modules that will be taught fully online and others which require face to face were identified.
- ☞ The University of Rwanda has re-opened the doors on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and the focus was on finalists (3, 4 & 5 Year Students).

# Students' protection during school reopening

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- 📄 All the students are hosted by the campus
- 📄 A registration form was designed to document the UR-CE community who will be entering in the campus
- 📄 People working in students' restaurants are advised to respect all the protective measures.
- 📄 No any student is allowed to take meals outside the campus
- 📄 Sports, games, recreations, worship services are following the prevailing national guidelines.

# Students' protection during school reopening cont'

☞ Infra-Red thermometers for key entry points of the campus premises are in place.

☞ Sufficient hand washing facilities were installed in different places before reopening.

☞ All the students are requested to strictly comply with all the measures against covid-19.



# Student's protection during school reopening cont'

📄 The reopening is focusing on 3rd year students at UR-CE of whom the majority has a personal computer.



📄 Students who may not have devices are advised to use nearby campus facilities to access the learning materials.



# Students' protection during reopening cont'

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- At the campus, the students are requested to maintain social distancing
- Avoid to share items as well as to organize social gathering
- Students are also reminded to report any case experiencing of any known symptoms of COVID-19 for their well-being,...

# Lecturers' protection during reopening

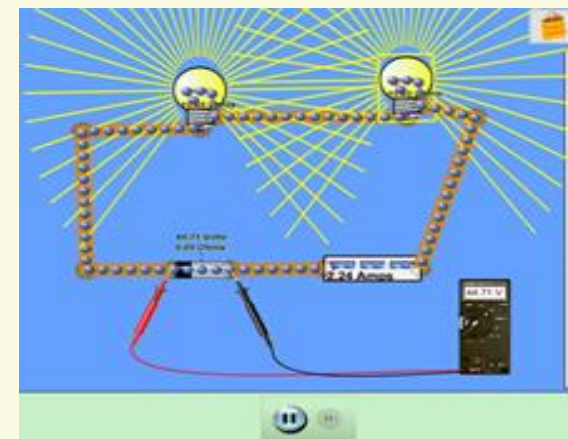
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- 📄 All the preventive measures set in place, have to be followed by lecturers as well.
- 📄 Different meetings were organized to discuss on the learning environments, timetables and pedagogical activities
- 📄 Lecturers have to respect the rules before to enter inside the campus



## Lecturers' protection during reopening Cont'

- For fully online modules, synchronous learning are organized through MS Teams
- A specific timetable was set for lecturers to facilitate and support the students either using face to face or online.
- Virtual labs and simulations are encouraged for practical components where needed.



# Lecturers' protection during reopening cont'

📄 Lecturers have to check if the sitting arrangements established are respected to ensure social distancing.

📄 The e-assessment tools were developed by UR/DTLE in collaboration with CODEL and ICT directorate



# After reopening

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- 📄 Only Year 3 students at UR-CE are following a blended learning mode;
- 📄 Year 4 students were conducting their internship before the closure of schools.
- 📄 Year 4 students will be following the same instructions regarding the reopening for other secondary school teachers
- 📄 School attachment mentors will be trained to help the new internees.

# Induction of finalist students

📄 The University of Rwanda through the Centre for Open, Distance and e-Learning (CODeL) conducted a virtual induction for year 3 and 4 students about the internship.



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# Challenges and Recommendations

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## Challenges

- Internet connectivity for the students who are based in areas without electricity
- Face to face practicals in laboratories require a lot of time

## Recommendations

- Ensure that all the students are able to access online teaching materials
- Encourage them to respect the guidelines and rules set in place to fight against this pandemic.

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