

## Health and Safety Guide for 2021 Returning Students

### Self-Quarantine prior to arrival to Makhandia

All returning students must go into self-quarantine for 10 days before travelling to Makhandia or to Rhodes University. On the day of travel the Higher Health app must be used for screening and the outcome must be presented upon arrival at the University.

Access the Higher Health App here <https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za/login/?next=/>

### Health, safety, and security

- All students **MUST** always wear masks.
- Social distancing of about 1.5 meters must be kept at all times.
- Where possible markers will be placed on the floor and on seats in the venues. Please adhere to these markers.
- Sanitizing points will be provided at all entrance points but it is also advisable to bring your own sanitizer along with you.

### Registration and Curriculum Approval

Registration and curriculum approval for all students (other than first time entering first year students) is online. Permits for returning students will only be issued once they are registered for the 2021 academic year.

### Screening at Health Care Centre (HCC) upon first arrival at the campus

The Health Care Centre is open from Monday-Friday, 08h00-16h30 and on weekends between 08h00-13h00. On arrival at the HCC you will be screened manually. You need to present the screenshot of your completed daily health check when you go for screening.

### Any student arriving after 16h30 during weekdays and after 13h00 on weekends, must report to CPU

CPU is expected to ask the students to fill in the screening form, check their temperatures and issue students with two masks. You will be given a white permit card that confirms that you have been to the HCC/CPU on arrival.

### Keys/ declaration forms at residence (applicable to students in residence)

- On arrival in residence, you will be expected to sign the arrival register.
- You will be required to sign the declaration form confirming that you will abide by all the lockdown rules. A copy will be made available for you while the other one is filed.

- You must show your access to campus permit to the warden/sub-warden upon arrival in the residence.
- Upon signing all required documents, you will be issued with your room.

### **Cleaning of Room (applicable to students in residence)**

Housekeeping will ensure all rooms are cleaned, disinfected, and provided a fresh set of linen. Students will be expected to keep their rooms clean. Housekeeping will leave a Cleaning Caddy in each bathroom for students to clean their rooms. The Cleaning caddy will contain the following:

- Cloth for cleaning
- Paper Towel for sanitizing/wiping (to be thrown away after use)
- Cleaning spray
- Sanitizing spray
- Room Freshener spray

Please return the caddy to the bathroom when you are done with cleaning your room.

Please ensure that you remain vigilant in protecting yourself and others by wearing your mask, washing hands regularly, sanitise and abide by the lockdown rules.

If you need any further clarity, please do not hesitate to contact your warden or sub-warden in your residence.

### **Dining Halls (applicable to students in residence)**

Dining halls and serveries are demarcated with floor marking stickers at 2m intervals. The dining halls will have easily accessible hand sanitizing dispensers and will be routinely cleaned / disinfected / well ventilated. A maximum of 50% capacity including the dining hall staff will be allowed in the facility at any given time.

- A staggered meal system will be observed to maintain social distancing.
- Only students, wardens and their dependents who booked meals can access the dining hall.
- No students or wardens will be permitted to book meals for guests.

For further detailed information on the operational arrangements in residences and dining halls, please access the Operational Guide for Residences on the website at <https://www.ru.ac.za/registrar/subsections/studentrecruitment/>

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR LIBRARY USERS

### Protocols:

- Security protocols at the entrance to the library (access card and temperature check).
- Use hand sanitisers as provided when entering.
- Face masks to be worn at all times.
- Maintain a 2 m distance between people.
- Use of designated/demarcated spaces in the library.
- Wash hands regularly.
- Protective screens have been installed at all service counters.
- Discussion/seminar rooms will not be available.
- Please wipe your desk with sanitiser when you leave.
- Please wipe your computer keyboard with sanitiser when you leave.
- No browsing is permitted.
- The computer labs in the library are available for use. **(Limited spaces due to social distancing).**

### Return or issue of books:

- No browsing is permitted. If a book is needed, ask a staff member at the faculty hub to retrieve it for you (shelves are cordoned off).
- Use the **self-checkout machine** where possible to issue books.
- The surface of the Circulation Desk will be sanitised after each transaction.
- When returning books, please make use of the drop box at the entrance to the library.
- All returned books will be placed in the UV Box for disinfection.

Please note that the Virtual Services will continue as usual:

### Faculty Librarian & Research Support

- Science & Pharmacy - 046 603 8689 ([v.menze@ru.ac.za](mailto:v.menze@ru.ac.za) )
- Commerce & Law - 046 603 8062 ([j.otto@ru.ac.za](mailto:j.otto@ru.ac.za) )
- Humanities & Education - 046 603 7341 ([l.cartwright@ru.ac.za](mailto:l.cartwright@ru.ac.za) )
- Scholarly Communication – 046 603 7307 ([d.martindale@ru.ac.za](mailto:d.martindale@ru.ac.za) )
- Circulation queries/short loans/renewals, logins, etc. - 046 603 8462/3 ([j.nene@ru.ac.za](mailto:j.nene@ru.ac.za) ); ([n.fumbatha@ru.ac.za](mailto:n.fumbatha@ru.ac.za) )
- General enquiries: [library@ru.ac.za](mailto:library@ru.ac.za)

**\* PLEASE NOTE: TIMES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY  
GIVEN TIME, COVID-19 AND LOCKDOWN PROTOCOLS PENDING.**