



Health and Safety Guide for 2021 Students

Self-Quarantine prior to arrival to Makhanda

All students and the two persons accompanying students must go into self-quarantine for 10 days before travelling to Makhanda 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 and the two persons accompanying them **MUST** always wear masks.
- Social distancing of about 1.5metres 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.

Arrival in Makhanda

Registration will start at the Barratt Complex (African Street). Look out for signage leading to the parking area. Persons accompanying students must remain in their cars and the Barratt Complex due to adjusted lockdown level 3 regulations. Please bring water, snacks, and liquids along, for while you wait.

SRC Shuttles will provide transport from the bus arrival points to the registration venue.

Where to go and what to expect?

- **Where do I go first when I arrive at the University?**

On arrival students should report to the Barratt Lecture Complex parking area entrance.

- **How many are allowed to accompany me?**

The **two** persons accompanying the student, **will not** be able to accompany the student inside the registration venue due to the adjusted lockdown level 3 restrictions but will be able to accompany the student to the residence.



- **What checks will be required before I can enter the venue?**

The Campus Protection Unit (CPU) will be at the parking entrance and students will be required to provide the following:

- ID document or passport
- Letter of acceptance to Rhodes University or proof of online registration
- Proof of Higher Health App clearance for both the student and the two persons accompanying them.

- **Where will I go after being cleared by the Campus Protection Unit (CPU)?**

If you have luggage you will be guided to the luggage storage area and will be issued a ticket for your luggage.

You will be referred to a tent where further health screening will be conducted by the Health Care Centre (HCC).

The 2 persons accompanying students will wait outside the Barratt complex away from the venue and surrounding areas, or in your cars in the parking area (those who arrive in cars) and CPU will make sure that the number of people in venues are according to the COVID-19 regulations.

A register will be kept at the HCC tent.

- **What is the registration process once I am cleared?**

Your registration status will be checked at the door and you will be guided to one of two places:

- If you are fully registered, you will be guided to Barratt Lecture Venue 2 to have your student card issued and then you will be able to proceed to your residence or to your off-campus accommodation (digs) to settle in.
- If you are not registered, you will be guided to Barratt Lecture Venue 1 for assistance.



- If your registration could be cleared, you will be directed to a point to complete your online registration from where you will then proceed to Barratt 2 for your student card.

- If you cannot be assisted in the venue, you will be guided to the Eden Grove Red or Blue lecture theatre for further assistance. Once you are cleared, you will be assisted to register at Eden Grove and your student card will also be issued there.

- After you are registered you can return to the Barratt complex to meet the 2 persons accompanying you or collect your luggage and continue to your residence or off-campus accommodation.

Health and safety measures in venues

- **How many people are allowed at the venue at a time?**

The number of people allowed in each venue will be set according to the adjusted lockdown level 3 regulations at the time of registration.

For example:

- Barratt 1 will not take more than 205 persons, including those assisting students. We will allow 50 students at a time using a counting control system.
- Barratt 2 will not take more than 205 persons, including those assisting students. We will allow 50 students at a time using a counting control system.
- Eden Grove Blue will not take more than 150, including those assisting students. We will therefore allow 50 students at a time using a counting control system.
- Eden Grove Red will not take more than 350, including those assisting students. We will therefore allow 50 students at a time using a counting control system.



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From the Barratt complex where do I go?

You will be able to proceed to your residence or your off-campus accommodation (digs). Orientation week will follow from Sunday, 07 March 2021 through online activities and your Sub-Wardens and House Committees will assist you to follow the process from there. Students who stay off-campus, will also be provided with the link to follow the activities.

Screening at Health Care Centre (HCC) after registration weekend

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 and you will be given two masks. 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

- 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 submit the screening card which you will receive after registration, to the warden/sub-warden upon arrival in the residence.
- Upon signing all required documents, you will be issued with your room.



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Cleaning of Room

Housekeeping will be assisting students with cleaning/disinfecting of their rooms by also providing 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

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 regularly cleaned with proper ventilation. 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 2m 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:



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*** A MAXIMUM OF 200 PEOPLE WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE MAIN LIBRARY DURING OPENING HOURS.**