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## **Updated guidelines by the Covid Advisory Committee**

KUHS Covid advisory committee held on 13/01/2022 has assessed the current pandemic situation and recommended the following guidelines until further updates:

All students are advised to travel only if it is absolutely necessary and to strictly adhere to Covid Protocol at all times in order to minimize the chance of getting infected with the highly contagious Covid 19 variants. Exam going students who are hostellers are advised to stay in the hostel as far as possible until the examinations are over. However, all hostellers including exam going students coming back to hostels and day scholars need not be tested for Covid routinely if they are asymptomatic. If symptomatic, they shall be tested by RTPCR. Exam going students shall be monitored for symptoms including fever using thermal screening. If symptomatic or reported positive, they shall be permitted to write the University theory examinations separately following all preventive measures. For practical examinations, the existing practice of arranging separate examinations shall continue.

Colleges were clusters are formed shall report to local health authorities and the University immediately and follow the instructions meticulously. They shall consider temporarily switching to online mode of teaching both theory and practical / clinical sessions when found to be appropriate in their situation. However, they are advised against sending hostellers home as far as possible to minimise disease contraction / transmission while travelling and staying at homes. All students shall be advised to form bio bubbles and any violators of the bio bubble shall be quarantined meticulously.

All gatherings exceeding the stipulated number of attendees (as specified by the prevailing Govt. guidelines) shall be cancelled or postponed. Celebrations and ceremonies shall be limited to online mode. Extreme diligence shall be exercised while conducting clinical classes to prevent disease transmission from and to the patients. All efforts shall be taken to provide precautionary dose vaccination to students and staff at the earliest.