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Generic Preventive Measures
(1/2)

- Physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed as far as feasible
- Mandatory use of face covers/masks
- Frequent hand washing with soap (40-60 secs). Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 20 secs)
- Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed & proper disposal of used tissues

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Generic Preventive Measures
(2/2)

- Self-monitoring of health by all & reporting any illness at the earliest
- Spitting to be strictly prohibited
- Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App advised wherever feasible

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Before Re-Opening of Campuses

- The Central or concerned State Govt must have declared the area safe for opening of educational institutions. The directions, instructions, guidelines and orders issued must be fully abided
- Only universities & colleges outside the containment zones to be allowed to open
  - Students & staff living in containment zones will not be allowed to attend the colleges
  - Students & staff should be advised not to visit areas falling within containment zones
- The faculty, staff and students should be encouraged to download 'Aarogya Setu App'

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Modalities for Physical Opening of Colleges/HEIs

Colleges/HEIs outside containment zones may be opened in a graded manner after consultations with concerned States/UTs & subject to adherence to SOP prepared by UGC as under:

- For centrally funded HEIs, the Head of the Institution should satisfy herself/himself regarding feasibility of the opening of physical classes & decide accordingly
- For all other HEIs like State Universities, Private Universities etc., opening of physical classes to be done as per the decision of the respective States/UTs

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Specific Measures to be taken

(1/2)

- Universities & colleges may plan opening the campuses in phases, with activities where COVID appropriate behaviour can be easily followed
- Universities & colleges to ensure not more than 50% of the total students are present at any point & necessary COVID-19 protocols are observed
  - All research & postgraduate students in science & technology programmes may join as they are comparatively less in number & COVID preventive measures can be easily enforced
  - Final year students may also be allowed to join for academic & placement purposes, as per the decision of the head of the institution

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Specific Measures to be taken
(2/2)

- For other programmes online/distance learning shall continue to be the preferred mode of teaching & shall be encouraged
- Students may visit their departments in a small number after seeking prior appointments for faculty consultations
- Institutions may provide online study material & access to e-resources to students who may opt to study online
- Online teaching-learning arrangements should be made for international students who couldn't join the programme due to travel restrictions or visa-related issues

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Safety Measures

At Entry/ Exit Point(s)

- Crowding must be avoided at entry/exit points
  - Staggered timings of entry & exit with limited strength for different programmes to be followed
- Ensure queue management inside and outside the premises
  - specific markings on the floor with a gap of 6 feet to be made & followed
- Screening of students, faculty & staff, wearing of face covers/mask, sanitizing of hands etc. must be ensured at all entry points

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Safety Measures

In Classrooms & other Learning Sites (1/2)

- Proper sanitization at all learning sites should be ensured
  - Mandatory cleaning & regular disinfection of frequently touched surfaces in all classrooms, labs, other common areas etc. before the beginning of classes & at the end of the day
  - Teaching materials, computers, laptops, printers, shall be regularly disinfected with 70% alcohol swipe

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Safety Measures

In Classrooms & other Learning Sites (2/2)

- Sitting places in classes, computer labs, libraries etc. should be clearly marked, following physical distancing norms
  - At least one seat should be left vacant between two seats
  - Wearing face cover/mask is a must at all times & at all places inside the campus

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Safety Measures

Inside the Campus (1/3)

- Cultural activities, meetings, etc. may be avoided
  - Extra-curricular & sports activities may be allowed where physical distancing is feasible & is in accordance with Ministry of Home Affairs guidelines
- Adequate arrangements should be made for sanitizing the entire campus, including administrative and academic buildings, classrooms, labs, etc.
- Proper sanitization of buses, other transport & official vehicles of the institution should be done

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Safety Measures

Inside the Campus (2/3)

Collection of used facemasks, PPE, hand gloves and their disposal should be ensured as per safety norms

Provision for proper disposal of used personal protection items and general waste should be followed in accordance with CPCB guidelines

For air-conditioning/ventilation, the guidelines of CPWD shall be followed:

- Temperature setting of all AC devices to be in the range of 24-30°C
- Relative humidity to be in the range of 40-70%
- Intake of fresh air to be as much as possible & adequate cross ventilation

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Safety Measures

Inside the Campus (3/3)

- Gymnasiums shall follow Ministry of Health & Family Welfare guidelines
- Swimming Pool (wherever applicable) to remain closed
- All employees who are at higher risk to take extra precautions, preferably not be exposed to any front-line work requiring direct contact with students

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Safety Measures

Hostels (1/2)

- Hostels may be opened only in such cases where it is necessary while strictly observing the safety and health preventive measures
  - Sharing of rooms may not be allowed & symptomatic students not to be permitted under any circumstances
- Residential students, before being allowed to attend classes, shall remain in quarantine and self-monitor their health for a period of 14 days, even if they bring a negative test report or the university/college plan to test them on arrival

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Safety Measures

Hostels (2/2)

- No crowding in hostel areas, students should be called in phases to avoid crowding
- Cleanliness to be maintained in dining areas, meals should be served in batches & takeaway options should be available

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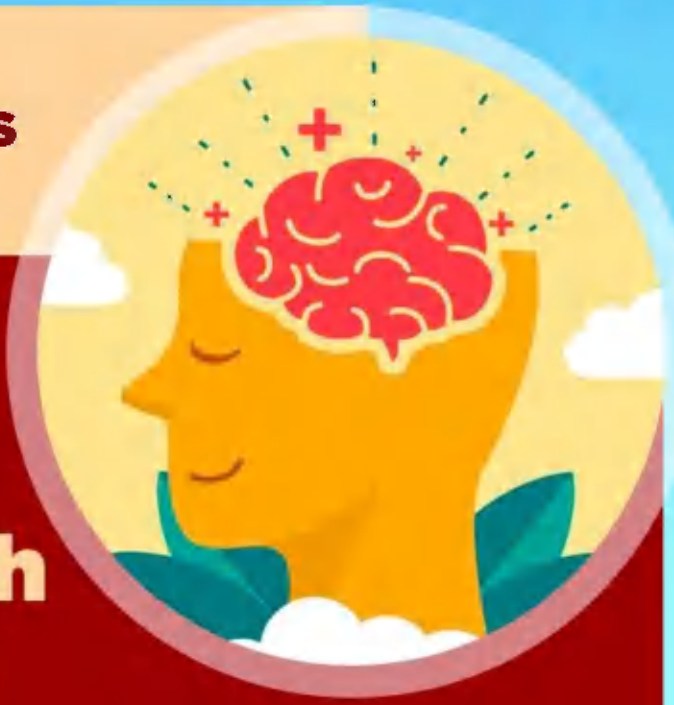

Counselling & Guidance for Mental Health

- Faculty members, students & staff should be made aware of the Web page 'Manodarpan' to provide psychosocial support http://manodarpan.mhrd.gov.in/
- Universities/Colleges to set up helplines for mental health, psychological concerns & well-being of students & to be regularly monitored by Counsellors
- Share video links & weblinks on practical tips for Mental Health during COVID-19, etc. of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on college website and with students & faculty
- Behavioural Health: Psycho-Social **toll free helpline – 0804611007**

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Implementation of the Guidelines

- Universities may adopt & implement these Guidelines in a transparent manner by making modifications to deal with particular situation(s) except in respect of those guidelines that are mandatory

- In cases where restrictions on gathering of the public are imposed, the institutions may plan accordingly. In any case, it shall not cause any restrictions on the guidelines/directions issued by the appropriate Govt/competent authority

- Every university/college has to ensure that it is prepared in all respects to carry out the academic activities following necessary guidelines/directions issued by Central/State Govts, Ministry of Education or UGC from time to time