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Dear ADvTECH Community

THIRD WAVE OF COVID-19

Our ADvTECH community is aware of the national concerns and anxiety associated with the third wave of COVID-19. Please be assured that we are monitoring the situation closely, and that we are ready to institute additional mitigation measures at short notice if required. Where changes have to be made to the way we work we are doing so but we are confident we will, as we did last year, ensure that no educational days are lost and that our students are able to get all they need from this year.

The Ministerial Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Saturday to discuss interventions to limit the spread of the third wave and we will update our communications accordingly further to public announcements made.

You will hear from your specific school or campus what adaptations, if any, need to be made.

We are also ensuring that our employees continue to be supported and looked after – from their work arrangements to any other support they need.

COVID-19 has been such a disruption for us all. We are indeed fortunate to have this community to rely on, as well as the insights gained from lessons learned last year as we navigate our way through this next phase.

ADvTECH has, since returning to on-site instruction last year after substantial investment in ensuring safety protocols are instituted, continually prioritised the health, safety and wellbeing of all our students and employees through strict adherence to the protocols, guidelines and directives issued by, among others, the Department of Health, the Department of Basic Education (DBE), the Department of Higher Education (DHET), South Africa's Disaster Management Act, 2002, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD).

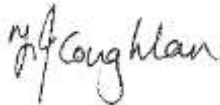
Compliance with these globally adhered principles at our sites are non-negotiable, and notifiable incidents are dealt with promptly and appropriately. With these protocols in place and with the support of our students, colleagues and parent body, ADvTECH has been able to maintain the highest quality education in a responsive hybrid fashion – allowing for both in-class and online learning.

Statistics attest to the fact that where good protocols are maintained, campuses are safer environments than the general community where the spread of COVID-19 is concerned.

Thank you for your continued and invaluable support as we strive, as a community, to strike the balance between the importance of COVID-19 safety on the one hand and the mental, emotional and academic development of our students on the other.

Please stay in touch with your own school or campus for detail on arrangements that may impact on you.

Yours sincerely



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