

NIIT UNIVERSITY

GUIDELINES FOR SEAMLESS RETURN TO CAMPUS

Introduction.

These Guidelines have been prepared for providing essential information to all students and to promote wellbeing and safety of entire NU Community. Information has been collated for ease of understanding activities and actions from the time a student starts preparing for move to the Campus till she/he settles down on the Campus. While safety and security of students has been of prime concern, this presupposes that all members of NU Community will strictly abide by 'Appropriate COVID-19 Behavior'.

Section 1 – General Information and Precautions.

1. Common Symptoms of COVID-19 Infection. Common signs of infection which students must know as a precautionary measure.
2. Transmission. How the virus spreads from an infected person to another person.
3. Protection. Measures to be adopted for individual protection: covering face, washing hands frequently and social distancing.

Section 2 – Pre-Joining Protocol.

4. Staggered Arrival on Campus. Each batch in two groups, with a gap of one week between two batches. 14 days self-quarantine in respective rooms
5. Preparatory Actions. Go through these Guidelines carefully, intimate status of current location (in Containment Zone or not), mode of travel, date and time of arrival at the Campus, consent letter submission, downloading 'Aarogya Setu App', read NU Travel Advisory, project transport requirement, get Pre-arrival RT-PCR Test done within 72 hrs prior to arrival on the Campus. Travel only in case the test result is negative.

Section 3 – Travel Arrangements and Precautions

6. Travel Arrangements. Following arrangements are being made:
 - a. 2020 Batch. Transport will be provided by NU.
 - b. 2018 & 2019 Batches. Transport will be arranged on request and on payment.
 - c. Safety Precautions. All cabs will be appropriately sanitized with segregation of driver's seat.
7. Travel Advisory. Details shared.

Section 4 – Arrival and Entry Protocols

8. Actions on Arrival.
 - a. Screening, Checking of RT-PCR Test/ Aarogya Setu App/ Consent Letter.
 - b. Testing and quarantining of symptomatic cases and students without Pre-arrival Test.
 - c. Sanitization of vehicles and vehicles. No cabs to enter.
 - d. Briefing by Dean Student Affairs about Campus Norms.
 - e. Self-quarantine in respective rooms. No movement outside respective rooms except for use of washrooms. Meals will be served in respective hostels.
 - f. Attend classes through NU DIGITAL from respective rooms during quarantine.

Section 5 – Academic and Learning Protocols.

9. Academic Preparations. Hands free washing and sanitization points in all Academic Blocks, seating in all CRs/LTs/Labs as per marking and social distancing norms, arrangement for hand sanitization in

corridors of all academic blocks, continuous rotational sanitization of furniture/equipment in CRs/lab and LIRC. Necessary arrangements for delivery of on-line classes for students in rooms.

10. Conduct of Classes. Classes to be conducted in Hybrid/Flipped modes, students distributed in smaller groups to attend classes from CRs and hostels on alternate days, strict adherence to social distancing norms. Timetable to be modified as per the revised plan. Each classroom and lab to be sanitized after each class.

Section 6 – COVID-19 Testing Protocol (RT-PCR) for Students.

11. Pre-Arrival Test: Done at respective locations, within 72 hrs of arrival at the Campus.
12. First Round Testing. To be done by NU, 8 days after arrival at the Campus.
13. Second Round Testing. To be done by NU two weeks after First Round Testing.
14. Subsequent Testing. To be done at NU only for symptomatic and suspected cases.

Section 7 – Hostel Living Protocols.

15. Allotment of Hostel Rooms. All students will be housed in single room occupancy. Rooms to be pre-allotted. One batch located in one block. On arrival all students to pick up belongings from current room and shift to allotted rooms.
16. Protocol Self-Quarantine Period of 14 Days. Stay in respective rooms, entry to other rooms prohibited, food served in hostels, attend classes through NU Digital. Essential commodities to be delivered in rooms.
17. Protocol Post-Quarantine Period. Entry to other rooms prohibited, meals in nominated dining halls, can visit Tuck Shop/Cafeteria/Nestle Counter, attend classes face to face on alternate days, gathering with social distancing only in open spaces.
18. Common Points. Toilets to be sanitized at higher frequency. Rooms thoroughly sanitized before occupation. CCTV monitoring of all corridors. Proper hygiene to be maintained in toilets. Adequate distance to be maintained from support staff.

Section 8 – Campus Living Protocols

12. COVID-19 Appropriate Behavior. Strict adherence to hand wash/sanitization, wearing of face mask and social distancing irrespective of location on the Campus Before eating or preparing food.
13. Health Monitoring. Doctor and Paramedic staff available 24 hrs. Daily monitoring for symptoms by dedicated staff – fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Oximeters placed in all hostels.
14. Hygiene and Cleanliness. Maintain clean environment, do not litter, daily cleaning of rooms, dispose all garbage, used PPE and masks appropriately in designated bins. Bi-weekly spraying and fumigation in common areas, corridors and pathways and Pest Control every week. In-house manufactured masks available at Main Reception @ Rs. 10/-.
15. Food Counters/Tuck Shop: Tuck Shop, Nestle Counter and Cafeteria to resume operations with strict social distancing norms. Fruit counter and periodic stalls on Campus by reputed food outlets proposed.
16. Out Pass: To remain suspended till further instructions.

Section 9 – Library Protocols

17. Visit to Library and Seating: Maintain COVID-19 Appropriate Behavior, entry as per revised schedules, users to sit as per seat marking. Maximum 40 users at one time.
18. Circulation: Seek library team help to access book (s) from shelves. Use OPAC (Library catalogue) to check availability of books. Share requirement of books in advance at Library@niituniversity.in. Return books drop it in the drop box for isolation and sanitization.

Section 10 – Mess Protocols

19. Adhere to the following:
- Staggered timing to ensure social distancing.
 - Maintain social distancing while serving and dining as per marking.
 - Sanitization at entry to each dining hall.
 - Wearing of mask, gloves and head cover by all Mess Staff, no use of mobiles by Mess Staff on food counter.
 - Cleanliness, hygiene and sanitization of kitchen, service points, dining tables and wash basins.
 - Daily monitoring of health and symptoms of Mess Staff.

Section 11 – Quarantine Protocols

20. Three Types of Quarantine.
- Self- Quarantine in Hostel Rooms: Stay in allotted hostel rooms, no movement outside except going to washrooms, food to be served in respective rooms, attend classes through NU Digital.
 - Campus Quarantine: A separate facility on Campus for girls and boys in PG-1 & UG-1. Symptomatic students to stay till tested and cleared. Strictly no contact with anyone. Food served in rooms. Classes through NU Digital. Dedicated staff for monitoring and sanitization.
 - Central Quarantine Centre Neemrana: 90 bed facility at St Margaret Engineering College. Confirmed COVID-19 cases housed at the Centre. Controlled by Govt. Medical Authority.
21. Setting up Campus Quarantine Area. Two floors (4th & 5th) in PG-1 Hostel for girls and Tower-1 of UG-1 Hostel for boys earmarked. Completely segregated, only essential furniture will be kept in rooms, Personal belongings kept to a minimum. Health Kit and Personal Protective equipment (PPE) to be provided by NU. Stocked adequately with medicines with dedicated medical staff.

Section 12 – Cultural and Sports Activities Protocols

22. Phase 1 (On completion of Quarantine Period). Permitted activities: Running, jogging, walking and yoga with social distancing, Club activities and competitions in open spaces (Amphitheatres, lawns, court yards and the Bowl. Multigym will not be operational and Team Games will not be permitted.
23. Phase 2 (On completion of second round of testing): Permitted activities: Participation in individual games and competitions (badminton, table tennis and tennis), running, jogging, walking and yoga. Club activities and competitions at respective locations with limited strength. Multigym functional with restricted strength. Team games will not be permitted.
24. Phase 3 (To be decided later as per improving situation): Team games and competitions may commence. Participation in Club activities at respective locations (with higher strength in batches) will commence. Multigym will be functional with increased number of users.

Conclusion.

These Guidelines have been prepared with the prime concern of safety of students and all persons living and working on the Campus. We must remember that each one of us are potential carriers therefore, we need to be cautious and assume the responsibility for each other's safety. The Guidelines will be refined as and when new inputs are available as per the emerging situation. It is expected that all NUTons will respect and follow these Guidelines in order to keep the NU Community safe and healthy. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, On-Campus living will be very different, but we will try our best to create an environment where students can thrive.