

Subject: COVID-19 UPDATE 38 – WITS SCREENING APP

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Dear Colleagues

We trust that you are well.

Gauteng remains the epicentre of the pandemic with 153 020 reported cases (about 36% of national infections). Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones by taking the necessary precautions and adhering to all University policies and state regulations. [STAY SAFE](#)

Number of staff / student infections

The number of Wits staff and student infections is reflected in the table below.

Please note that we have now incorporated the data of all students who have been infected to date, including those who were serving in hospitals and on the University's clinical training platforms. At present, we are aware of 75 staff who are infected (many of whom are working from home) and 123 students, out of a University population of approximately 5 500 permanent staff and 37 500 students.

No. of infections	Total
Staff	75
Students	123*
Total	198

**Includes all student infections from the Faculty of Health Sciences that were previously not incorporated. This data is based on the number of reported cases to the OHSE Department and the Campus Health and Wellness Centre.*

All affected staff members and students are self-isolating, in line with the University's COVID-19 protocols. Recoveries will be reported as this information becomes available.

Q&A: Wits Screening App

All staff members and students are required to complete the screening process via the [Wits Screening App](#) before entering Wits' campuses.

What happens to the data provided by patients via the Wits Screening App?

The system is designed so that only the requisite data is made available to Wits University as per government regulations. The LogBox platform is being used to collect the data. Only information necessary for the processing of coronavirus-related screening is stored and used in the application.

What is the data used for?

The data is used to:

- monitor the number of people on campus,
- regulate access control in order to comply with government regulations, and
- support the Campus Health and Wellness Centre and to help facilitate the clinical management of students or staff who may be at risk.

How is the data stored?

The data is processed, stored and secured in compliance with the Protection of Personal Information Act (PoPIA). Access to the information is restricted to authorised users appointed by the University, who are responsible for monitoring and managing access to the campus for the purpose of complying with coronavirus-related guidelines and regulations. The information is stored on a cloud-based application, hosted in a South African data centre. Access control within the screening application is designed to prevent unauthorised access to information, even if an individual's mobile device is lost or stolen.

Is the Wits Screening App reliable?

The usage statistics indicate at the Wits Screening App is functioning as intended. The screening form is filled out on the app daily, and access to campus is provided if it is safe to do so, after considering risk factors.

Remember to take care of yourself and others

Protect yourself and those around you by wearing a mask, practising physical distancing, washing your hands properly and drying them well (or sanitising), keeping surfaces clean and coughing or sneezing into your elbow.

Look after yourself. Look after others. [STAY SAFE](#).

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