

**Subject:** COVID-19 UPDATE 40 – THANK YOU!

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**To:** VCO News

**Dear Colleagues**

This is a short note to express our sincere appreciation to each and every member of the Wits community for your commitment and contribution during this unprecedented time. We are living through a pandemic, which without a doubt takes a toll on us in different ways. Keep strong and take care of yourself, your colleagues and your loved ones during this difficult time.

**Number of infections**

Seven staff members and 13 students reported testing positive for COVID-19 during the past week. These include staff members who are working from home. This is out of a population comprising of approximately 5 500 permanent staff and 37 500 students. All affected staff members and students are self-isolating in line with governmental directives and University protocols. The number of recoveries will be announced as the data becomes available.

<b>No. of infections</b>	<b>31 July – 7 August 2020</b>	<b>22 June – 7 August 2020</b>
Staff	7	90
Students	13	160

*The data provided in the table is based on the number of infections reported to the OHSE Office and the Campus Health and Wellness Centre. The number of recoveries will be reported as the information becomes available.*

**Practical advice on disinfecting**

A group of South Africa's leading medical scientists and academics, including several Wits experts, have put together some [practical advice on disinfecting](https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-08-05-practical-guidance-on-disinfecting/). Read more:

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Enjoy the long weekend and keep safe.

**SENIOR EXECUTIVE TEAM**

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