

**Subject:** COVID-19 UPDATE 41 – RATE OF INFECTIONS MAY BE REDUCING

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**To:** VCO News

**Dear Colleagues and Students**

There seems to be light at the end of the tunnel, with some Wits experts indicating that the rate of COVID-19 infections may be reducing in some provinces. But they warn that there is still no room for complacency as we are likely to see a second wave of the virus.

Read more: <https://www.capetalk.co.za/articles/392551/covid-19-vaccine-won-t-eradicate-virus-but-will-help-break-and-slow-transmission> or listen to the podcast: <https://omny.fm/shows/the-john-maytham-show/is-sa-managing-to-tame-the-covid-19-storm>

**Number of infections**

Three staff members and five 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. Affected staff members and students are self-isolating in line with government's directives and University protocols.

No. of infections	8 – 14 August 2020	22 June – 14 August 2020
Staff	3	93
Students	5	165

***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.***

**Latest SA COVID-19 science in the *Wits Journal of Clinical Medicine***

The *Wits Journal of Clinical Medicine* is an open access, peer-reviewed scientific journal, and the first clinical journal in the country to publish a special issue dedicated to the COVID-19 virus in South Africa.

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Stay safe and keep healthy!

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