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To: All Vice Chancellors – Public and Private Universities

RE: ENHANCED MEASURES TO CURB THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19
VIRUS

As you are aware, the Ministry of Health has indicated that the country is currently experiencing a second wave surge in the number of positive covid-19 cases. On account of this, it has become necessary to take an enhanced precautionary approach to curb the spread of the covid-19 virus in addition to the measures already in place.

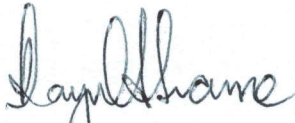
In terms of learning, you are directed to limit the number of students in class as well as the physical classes. You are therefore, required to implement a blended approach in delivery of learning programmes with the bulk of the delivery being done virtually. These measures should be implemented with immediate effect.

As regards work arrangements, you all need to put in place measures to decongest your respective workstations through implementation of remote working from home by way of appropriate rotation systems effective immediately. To this effect, you are directed to:

- a) Adopt working arrangements to reduce staff exposure to potential risks of covid-19 at all times;
- b) Ensure that all meetings to the extent possible are held virtually, where this is not possible, physical meetings should be limited to not more than ten (10) persons, while observing health guidelines (social distancing, masking, hand sanitizing, etc);
- c) Suspend travels outside your respective stations unless were necessary and express permission should be sought from Secretary to the Cabinet through Ministry of Higher Education.

Kindly note that the implementation of the above measures should not in any way disrupt the delivery of your services. In order for the Ministry to maintain compliance to these directives, you are all requested to submit weekly reports on the effectiveness of these measures as well as all confirmed COVID - 19 cases. The first report will be expected on Monday, 18th January, 2021.

Kindly be directed accordingly.



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- cc: The Hon Minister, Ministry of Higher Education, **LUSAKA**
- cc: The Director General – Higher Education Authority, **LUSAKA**
- cc: The Chief Executive Officer – Zambia Qualifications Authority – **LUSAKA**
- cc: The Director General – TEVETA - **LUSAKA**