

Appointment of Covid-19 compliance officers

In order to comply with the various applicable acts and regulations dealing with and regulating compliance to all Covid-19 related matters, the vice-chancellor, Prof Dan Kgwadi, has appointed a compliance officer on each of the campuses:

- Mahikeng Campus: Prof Sonia Swanepoel
- Potchefstroom Campus: Prof Daryl Balia
- Vanderbijlpark Campus: Prof Linda du Plessis

In terms of the appointment, these officers will perform the following functions:

- To notify all NWU employees and students on their campuses of the actions taken for the control of Covid-19 in the workplace.
- To manage and control the implementation of the NWU Workplace Plan, NWU Covid-19 Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) standard operating procedure, NWU Covid-19 Baseline Risk Assessment and NWU Covid-19 directives on their campuses in close collaboration with the Campus Covid-19 Operational Team.
- To communicate, monitor and enforce the control measures that have been implemented to minimise the spread of Covid-19 with the assistance of the Campus Covid-19 Operational Team, the NWU Occupational Safety Department, the NWU Occupational Health Department, the Campus OHS committee members, as well as managers and health and safety representatives.
- To receive and document any complaints in relation to Covid-19 compliance received from NWU employees and students on their campuses, to acknowledge receipt and respond timeously within two business days.
- To assist with the communication and application of screening practices for the purpose of identifying possible persons at their campuses that may display symptoms associated with Covid-19, so as to provide such persons with the required support.
- To assist the Department of Health (DoH National and Provincial), through the NWU Occupational Health Department, with any Covid-19 tracing measures relevant to their campuses.
- To assist the inspectors from the Department of Employment and Labour, through the NWU Occupational Safety Department, with any inspections or enquiries related to Covid-19 at their campuses.

The compliance officers will further liaise with all NWU Covid-19 established structures as well as other existing structures to ensure that national regulations and NWU protocols are adhered to, reporting is done accordingly, and that matters are resolved satisfactory.

Any non-compliance on any of the NWU premises, or questions related to the implementation of plans, directives and protocols related to Covid-19 matters, should be directed to the following contact persons:

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