

# COVID-19 - Latest News

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Hello all,

Welcome to Griffith College under these most extraordinary times.

Thanks for checking in. We hope you're safe and well.

The college's first priority is for your health and safety and that of all our learners, residents, lecturers and staff.

Here's the latest information we have:

- The college's on-campus classes have been suspended until the end of the semester, 1 May 2020.
- Semester examinations scheduled for May 2020 will no longer involve on-campus attendance – they will be conducted to allow for remote online attendance and monitoring.
- Exams will be conducted via remote access and online.
- The college's campuses are closed to non-residents until further notice.
- So far as possible, on-campus classes are being moved online to the same schedule (e.g. classes scheduled for 10 am on Thursdays will continue to be delivered at 10 am Thursdays).
- Classes will also be recorded to facilitate learners in different time zones and those who may not have immediate access to broadband/Wi-fi facilities.
- The college has made alternative arrangements so that international learners who travel home can complete their programmes from their home country.

- For the rest of the semester and with everyone's support, we plan to provide as much continuity as possible for our learners, lecturers, staff and residents.
- The college's online and blended programmes are continuing unchanged; May examinations will be as above.
- We will update this page on an ongoing basis in line with developments and decisions as they arise.

Over the coming weeks, we'll provide as much continuity as possible for our learners, lecturers, staff and residents.

## General Information - Existing Learners

The following general information applies across all campuses (unless there are faculty-specific arrangements):

- Our programmes will be delivered according to their existing schedules.
- College staff will work from home and will remain available via email and Moodle.
- In so far as possible, lecturers will deliver their classes online – using Zoom, Moodle and other resources as appropriate.
- Assignments and related submission dates will continue to apply (unless faculty-specific arrangements apply).
- At this stage, we are planning for our May examinations to go ahead without the requirement for learners to attend on-campus.
- We are planning for all our August examinations (first-time and resit) to be held on-campus.

## Faculty-Specific Arrangements - Existing Learners

- Some programmes require specific arrangements for delivery and assessment.
- Faculties are currently finalising these alternative arrangements
- All faculties will contact their learners directly in respect of any faculty-specific arrangements that might apply.

## International Learners - Existing Learners

We know that the evolving COVID-19 situation presents international learners with additional challenges being away from home. We know that some of our international learners have gone home, others have decided to stay, and others are making up their minds.

For all international learners the college wants you to know:

- We will support your decision whatever you do
- As countries around the world impose new travel restrictions to combat the spread of Covid-19, more international travel disruption is likely.
- Griffith College, in line with Irish government policy, is advising learners to exercise a high degree of caution if considering international travel.
- The most up to date travel information for re-entering Ireland is available from the [Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade](#).
- Similarly, where international travel is a necessity, learners should consult the relevant government website in their destination country

We can assure you that:

- The college's programmes will continue to be delivered online and recorded.
- We will put appropriate arrangements in place to allow you to complete your programme and all assessments wherever you are in the world.

## New Learners - Joining May 2020

The college is planning to deliver on-campus programmes to new learners from May 2020. The college is keeping the situation under review and will provide further information should circumstances change.

More information about the college's COVID-19 arrangements is available in our [FAQs](#).

If you need any further information, please let us know, through your faculty, Moodle, email, SU or in whatever way you find best.

**Please know:**

Above all else, please know that if you've any queries, if you're concerned about your programme, or you've more general concerns...

We're still here, and will continue to be! So keep in touch.

Please stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards,

The College's COVID-19 Steering Group

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