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Circular No: 44 MLCU Definitions and Protocols for Covid For Staff and Students

<u>Primary or close contact:</u> spending more than 15 minutes of face-to-face contact within 2 metres of someone who has COVID-19 (indoors or outdoors), living in the same house or shared accommodation as someone who has COVID-19, sitting within 2 seats of someone who has COVID-19 in a classroom, on public transport or an airplane. Or if you were in contact with them when they had symptoms before they tested positive (up to 48 hours before), or if they did not have symptoms (up to 24 hours before).

Close contacts must follow local protocols such as testing, isolate at home and seek medical advice if they develop symptoms.

Secondary contact: individuals who have had contact with a primary contact No action or restrictions required

<u>Casual contact:</u> being in the same large room, such as classroom or hall for less than 2 hours, with someone who has Covid or has later tested positive. Contact with a person a few days before he/she tested positive is counted as a casual contact as the infectivity of the person would have been low.

No action or restrictions required

Situations

• If a student tests positive:

Only those in close contact need to be tested

The other students of the batch should isolate for one week

• If a staff member tests positive:

Only those in close contact need to be tested

• If a student or staff member has been in contact with a person outside the university, the protocols for primary and other contacts will be followed as above.

Note: The university staff and students are subject to any protocols prescribed by the government or a health authority, which may change as the Covid situation evolves.

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