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Important message from the Dean to EMS students regarding the November/December 2021 exams

Dear students,

Further to the email sent to all students earlier today by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Prof Tawana Kupe, I confirm that all assessments at the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences that are scheduled as sit-down examinations on campus will continue under lockdown level 1.

President Ramaphosa, in his address to the nation on 28 November 2021, stated that South Africa will remain on lockdown level 1 until further notice. Under this lockdown level, it is permitted to have 750 persons or less in indoor venues, and if the venue is too small to hold the prescribed number of persons observing a distance of at least 1.5 metres from each other, then not more than 50% of the capacity of the venue may be used, subject to strict adherence to all health protocols and social distancing measures.

The University of Pretoria has very strict COVID-19 protocols in place that all staff and all students must adhere to during examinations. These include, among others, the wearing of masks, sanitation of venues, the use of hand sanitiser, maintaining of prescribed social distancing inside and outside venues, limitation of venue capacity, and other appropriate measures. In addition, and in order to reduce COVID-19-related risks even more for our students, the University does not follow the 50% capacity of a venue as a guideline, but limits the number of students in an exam venue to between 15 and 19%.

Invigilated on-campus examinations for third-year modules are important and necessary to ensure the integrity and quality of your qualification. This will also contribute to your success in the workplace.

Thank you for understanding, and please remember to direct all your queries to the Faculty Advisers and to not include people outside the Faculty, as required by the Escalation Policy.

All the best with the exams.

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