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Faculty of Health Sciences **Life Changers**

Newsletter: December 2020

Deans End of Year Message



"I wish you and your loved ones all the very best for the holiday season and hope you will enjoy a well-deserved rest."- Prof Tiaan de Jager

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The COVID pandemic affected all stakeholders but the Faculty managed to complete the academic year successfully.

The average module pass rate in the Faculty increased from approximately 94% to 97% which wouldn't have been possible without the help of staff, sponsors, partners and committed students.

Thank you to all sponsors, partners and donors who made teaching and learning possible in unpredictable circumstances.

Life Changers Fund

The Faculty of Health Sciences established the Life Changers Fund to help support students who are in need to pay for accommodation, tuition, food and procure PPE.

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Life Changers



Sanlam Encourages Physiotherapy Students to Make a Difference.

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UP welcomes donation of 600 tablet devices from Aspen Pharmacare for students' online learning.

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Incubating the cause: Nissan and UP's Faculty of Health Sciences combat COVID-19 with INTUboxes.

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OUTsurance donates 20 000 items of COVID-19 personal protective equipment to UP's Faculty of Health Sciences.

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UP's Faculty of Health Sciences receives 15 bakkies from Isuzu in fight against spread of COVID-19.

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The Faculty hosted various virtual events to for the student community.



Choose UP Day

Livestream from Choose UP Day is available for those interested in the Faculty's undergraduate programmes:

- Schools of Medicine and Dentistry #ChooseUP:

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- School of Healthcare Sciences #ChooseUP:

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Merit Awards Ceremony

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The Faculty of Health Sciences' hosted virtual Declaration Ceremony's for the School of Medicine, School of Dentistry and School of Healthcare Sciences. To watch a schools respective declaration ceremony please click on the name of the specific school below.

- School of Medicine
- School of Medicine (BCMP)
- School of Dentistry
- School of Healthcare Sciences



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Over 70 research projects were pursued in order to conduct research that matters. The Faculty of Health Sciences had a strong focus on trans-disciplinary research which had a positive impact in society.

Academics continued to contribute their expertise to the community by contributing to opinion pieces, media engagements and policy's. Here are a few highlights below.



UP Expert Lecture: Learning from COVID-19 can help prevent future pandemics, says virologist Prof Wanda Markotter.

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University of Pretoria One Health for Change (UP-OHC) - Empowering the Future.

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UP ISMC hosts webinar on safer malaria-free strategies.

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UP chemical pathology scientists develop groundbreaking nanobodies for COVID-19 detection and therapy.

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UP's SEMLI launches research study on returning to sport after COVID-19.

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COVID-19 Pandemic Drives need for Policy Brief on Physical Activity for Health in Africa.

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UP initiative helps create food security for vulnerable communities.

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UP's COVID-19 response strengthened through collaboration with Leeds University

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UP research partnership makes foray into battle against pandemic by winning SAPRIN bid to host Gauteng urban research nodes.

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Alumnus Creates CoronaFighter platform.

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COVID-19

The Faculty of Health Sciences used Online media to educate and create awareness about COVID-19.

The various videos serve as a guide on how to maintain social distancing, the correct way to clean your hands using alcohol-based hand rub, washing your hands using antimicrobial soap and water, wearing your cloth face mask correctly, wearing and taking care of your face shield, how to safely don your N95 respirator and PPE.

Essential COVID-19 Videos (Click icons to View)



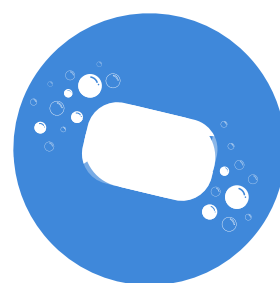
Mental Health - Coping with stress and anxiety during the COVID-19 outbreak



Social Distancing



Hand Hygiene: Alcohol-based Rub



Hand Hygiene: Antimicrobial Soap



How To Wear a Cloth Mask



How To Wear a face shield



How to Don Your N95 Respirator



Donning Your PPE



Doffing Your PPE

UP Family Medicine Our Health is in our Hands

The Department of Family Medicine at the University of Pretoria (UP) developed a series of animated videos that aim to educate the public about COVID-19.

The videos are available in Sepedi, IsiXhosa, Afrikaans, English and IsiZulu. The different playlists can be accessed by clicking the icons below:



Sepedi



IsiZulu



IsiXhosa



English



Afrikaans

