



COLLEGE OF HOME SCIENCE

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Notice regarding Reopening of the College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan 19-10-21

Dear Students and their Guardians

As per the Circular received from the State Government of Maharashtra on reopening colleges in Maharashtra, dated 13-10-21, and the corresponding circular and SOP of the University of Mumbai, dated 16-10-21, colleges of the University of Mumbai have the permission to reopen for classes on college premises for up to 50% or more. In this regard, the college authorities have also intimated the local disaster management committee (Ward Office) about the phased reopening of the College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan from 20-10-21.

The University of Mumbai, has requested affiliated colleges to cooperate and comply with the Government Circular, and reopen for at least some classes in simultaneous blended mode, starting 20-10-21. The period from 20-10-21 to 30-10-21 for the University of Mumbai is very important for the reopening the colleges in phased manner as the COVID-19 pandemic scenario eases.

In consultation with the management and college staff, the following decisions are made with regard to the reopening of the College of Home Science Nirmala Niketan for blended education during the experimental phase of 20th to 30th October 2021. Students and their guardians are requested to cooperate with the following.

These decisions are made for the period of 20th to 30th October 2021 and new decisions will be in place for the session after the Diwali break.

1. Based on the information collected from all students, ranging from FY BSc to MSc2, about their vaccination status and related details, it is decided that the simultaneous blended mode of education will be offered to fully vaccinated TY BSc students of each of the four specializations for their theory classes and also for Practicals that the Department wishes to conduct in blended mode. For these TY BSc students, some will be in the physical classroom and other students will be accessing the class through the online mode. The blended mode is being offered because all students are not fully vaccinated and also because of COVID-19 safety protocol, which requires us to maintain a minimum 6 feet distance between students in the classroom.

TY students (who are fully vaccinated), we are delighted to welcome you back into the physical classroom!

2. All fully vaccinated TY BSc students who are not residing in containment zones are requested to cooperate and make themselves available in the college premises for their blended education classes. Guardians are requested to make it possible for their fully-vaccinated wards to attend these blended education classes.



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3. All other classes will continue to be taught in online mode. Thus, all classes of FY BSc, MSc1 and MSc2 will continue in online mode.
Note that SY BSc students are having examinations, and examinations of the Winter term in 2021 are fully online as decided by the University of Mumbai.
4. PhD students, who are fully vaccinated and are not residing in containment zones, can request their guides for an appointment and visit the college to meet their guides. MSc2 research students may similarly make appointments if necessary.
5. Permanent faculty teaching TY BSc subjects will be in the college premises to provide the blended education as per the timetable. These teachers are fully vaccinated.
6. Fully vaccinated students and/or staff residing in **containment zones** are **not** permitted on the college premises. Furthermore, **thermal screening** at entry points will also ensure that the fully vaccinated students and staff from non-containment zones, are also **asymptomatic**.
7. All COVID-19 related safety protocol must be adhered to: masks and social distancing (6-to-8 feet distance), hand washing and sanitising. Students' movement and intermingling among students of different classes is restricted. Students will be located in one room for their blended education classes as far as possible.
8. As social distancing norms cannot be maintained in the lift, students are requested to use the staircase. In case there are medical reasons for not being able to climb stairs, please bring a request letter along with a medical certificate, in order to avail of the facility of the lift.
9. All fully vaccinated TY students and PhD scholars/MSc2 research students must have the *Aarogya Setu* App on their phones, carry at least two hard copies of their vaccination certificate, and bring two copies of their passport sized photographs. The latter is for initiating the making of college ID Cards.
10. Detailed instructions are in a separate notice for fully-vaccinated TY students for whom the college is being reopened for physical classes.
11. Any guardian of a TY student who has concerns about the above college implementation of the Circular received from the State Government of Maharashtra on reopening colleges in Maharashtra, dated 13-10-21, and the corresponding circular and SOP of the University of Mumbai, dated 16-10-21, can get in touch with the HOD and/or the I/C Principal, to resolve their concerns.

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