

Subject: COVID-19 UPDATE 43 - THE PASSING OF TWO WITSIES

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To: VCO News

Dear Colleagues and Students

It has been a difficult period for many of us – we lost a student and a staff member this week.

We shared the news of the passing of Ms Asitandile Zozo, a first year BSc student who passed away tragically. A touching memorial service was held for her yesterday.

We also mourn the passing of Mr Magnath Baijnath, an Operations Manager in the Services Department, who passed away earlier this week after a short illness. He joined the Wits Business School in 2010 and spent much of the last decade serving staff and students on the Management Campus. He was well-known for his meticulous organisational skills, his attention to detail and his management capabilities. He was also responsible for facilities and infrastructure on the campus, for establishing and maintaining operating standards and for ensuring regulatory compliance. He was both a leader and a team player who built meaningful relationships based on trust and integrity with members of the Wits community. Prior to joining Wits, he worked at UNISA for approximately 23 years. He held a BCom degree, a diploma in management development and an MBA qualification.

On behalf of the University, we extend our condolences to the families and friends of Asitandile and Magnath, and those who knew them well. May they rest in peace.

Counselling services

The loss of a colleague or friend impacts on all of us – if you, or anyone you know is in need of counselling, please make use of the services offered by the University.

Students can reach CCDU via info.ccd@wits.ac.za or call the Wits Student Crisis Line on **0800111331** (24/7, toll free).

Staff members can make use of Kaelo's counselling services (at no cost to staff) by calling 0861635766, or by dialing *134*928, or by sending a 'Please call Me' to 0726205699, or by emailing asknelson@kaelo.co.za.

Number of COVID-19 infections

Three staff members and two students reported testing positive for COVID-19 during the past week. These include staff members who are working from home. This is out of a population comprising of approximately 5 500 permanent staff and 37 500 students. Affected staff members and students are self-isolating in line with governmental directives and University protocols.

No. of infections	14 – 21 August 2020	22 June – 21 August
Staff	3	96
Students	2	167

The data provided in the table is based on the number of infections reported to the OHSE Office and the Campus Health and Wellness Centre.

Let's all take a moment to remember those who have passed away, to reach out to those who may need our help, and to cherish our friends, family and loved ones.

Take care.

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