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Dear FNAS Student

## COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

I hope this message finds you all well and in good health. I am writing, first to re-assure you that the First Semester Lecturing Team are embracing the current situation in order to find solutions to the current Lockdown due to COVID 19. We will continue to develop new and organise existing on-line teaching and learning material and make it available through eFundi.

Secondly, I am writing to indicate to you, that as exceptional Natural and Agricultural Scientists in the making; you would be doing a great service to yourself and the country if you continue to do the following:

- Embrace the learning opportunities as best as you can under the current circumstances
- Follow and adhere to the directives of NWU as outlined in the NWU COVID19 website and the National government information and apply good common sense to contain possible spreading of COVID 19.

I wish to add that there will be no assessments and new assignments due before 16 April 2020. Pending the approval of the Senate, there won't be any June examinations in the traditional sense, FNAS is developing assessment plans that will include continuous and alternative assessments, for approval by the university management. Meanwhile, the university is in talks with MTN, Vodacom and Telkom for provision of data access to students.

The global and national situation will dictate when we would return to normality.

Please take care of yourselves and those close to you. We appreciate your positive attitude, support and cooperation during this challenging time. Check the university/faculty's digital platforms regularly for any updates and change of arrangements arising from the government interventions aimed at stopping the spread of the virus.

Kind regards



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