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Return to Campus COVID-19 Readiness

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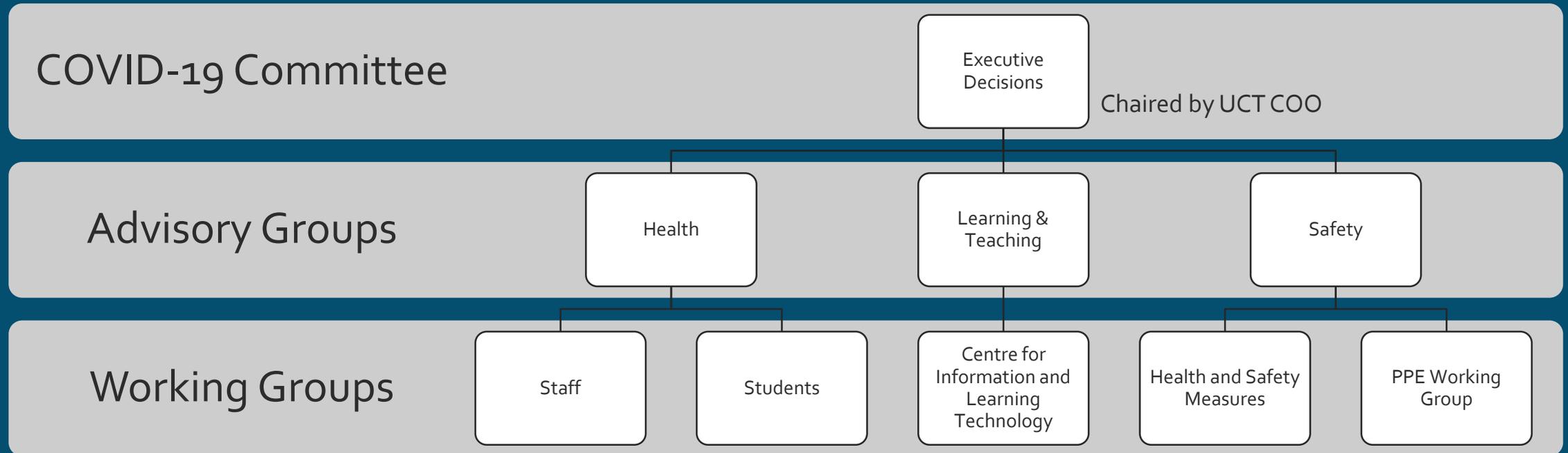
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PRINCIPLES

The following Principles have been applied in drafting UCT's 'Return to work' implementation plan:

- Putting prevention first, based on preparedness, insisting, and actively organizing and implementing the preparedness to respond to COVID-19 'return to Campus'.
- A centrally planned and co-ordinated phased return to work of staff and students working closely with faculties, departments and units across the university ensuring 'return to work preparedness' and the prevention of viral contamination.
- Enhancing the use of technique and preparedness, and relying mainly on UCT's own capacity to manage the preparedness and emergency response in the worst-case scenario of further outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus.
- Looking at not only COVID-19 Virus but prevention and containment of all virus'

COMMITTEES



STAFF AND STUDENT PREPAREDNESS

Specific Considerations in the Education of the Faculty/Departmental Implementation Plans include:

- Education & Communication
- Staff Preparedness for Return to work
- Mental Health of Staff and Students
- Containment and prevention of spread
- Cleaning and Hygiene
- Contractors and Vendors – External Partnership for preparedness
- Isolation of PUI's

CONTROL AND CONTAIN THE VIRUS

The following 3 Principles have been applied when developing our preventative measures:

- Keep the Virus out includes measures in place to prevent bringing the virus onto campus.
 - Symptom Screening
 - Health Risk Assessments
 - Pre Entry Sanitisers
- Contain the Virus must become part of a new sustainable regime, these include:
 - Increased cleaning practices not only by the cleaning departments by also individuals in their spaces
 - Ensuring sustainable air quality
 - Barriers
- Killing the Virus comes at a price, but is the most effective and sustainable method of containing and preventing the spread of an virus.
 - Airborne Virus – (UV-C systems)
 - Surface bacteria & viral droplets (Probiotic cleaning agents)

RISK ADJUSTED PHASES FOR RETURN TO WORK

National Levels	UCT Risk Adjusted Phased opening of campus		
Level 5 (High Virus Spread, and/or low readiness)	Campus Closed		
Level 4 Moderate to High spread with low to moderate readiness	Essential Maintenance and emergency repairs only		
	Post Graduate students may be allowed to return under strict controls		
	Students with limited ability to do online learning at home may be allowed to return to residences in order to have the resources to do online learning. This would be under strict controls (+- 1600 allowed for with social distancing practices)		
Level 3 Moderate virus spread with moderate readiness	UCT PHASE 1	High Risk	Buildings with good ventilation, large areas and where controlled Social Distancing practices can easily be put in place
			(Work from home practices are maintained)
Level 2 Moderate virus spread with high readiness	UCT PHASE 2	Moderate Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings where controlled Social Distancing can be put in place Work from home should be encouraged to support this
			Staff that are low health Risk as defined in the staff RTW risk assessment document
Level 1 Low Virus Spread with high Health system readiness	UCT PHASE 3	Low Risk	Departments where high density cannot be avoided and limited social distancing can be put in place
			All Staff All Students Residences where students share rooms and communal ablutions
(Work from home practices are encouraged)			

UCT COVID-19 TOOLBOX

The following is included as part of the UCT toolbox for the prevention and containment in line with the National Regulations

