

FAQ's Students

What is IADT doing to raise awareness about COVID-19?

A management group has been monitoring the evolving COVID-19 situation since the original outbreak in Wuhan. The digital signage on campus and hard-copy physical posters in public and office spaces are being used to highlight the recommended infection control measures and other information. The IADT website is continually being updated when there is new information or a significant change in the situation. This information is informed by the public health information provided by the HSE and the Department of Health.

How will the Institute communicate with students during a potential closure?

IADT is currently operating as normal in all of its activities. Please note that our official means of communicating with you our students are through two sources 1) update emails directly from IADT 2) updates to our web page.

If you currently do not have access to your student email account please contact support@iadt.ie.

Will I be penalized for late submissions if I cannot attend college?

If a student suspects they have any symptoms of COVID-19, they should get guidance from the HSE public advice or call their GP. Students will need to inform their lecturer and get their approval for a late submission if they have been requested to self-isolate or they have been exposed to **COVID-19**.

I have an underlying medical condition, should I stop attending college?

Students are advised to contact their own GP to get advice whether or not they are in a position to attend college, if they have an underlying diagnosed medical condition. Advice and assistance can also be provided through the IADT Health Centre. If a student is advised to stay and home and self-isolate supports can be put in place to assist the student to continue with their studies.

Will the IADT Health Centre be open for Consultations?

- We are currently operating an **APPOINTMENT ONLY** service to see a GP or Nurse.
- Students who are acutely unwell and living at home should contact their own GP in the first instance.
- Students who are acutely unwell and living away from home should call the Student Health Centre on **01 239 4760** to make an appointment.
- If you would like to see the Nurse please call **01 239 4760** to make an appointment.
- Only students with appointments will be admitted to the Student Health Centre.
- The Student Health Centre is open 9.30am -12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9am - 2pm on Friday.

Latest updated information from the HSE, including FAQs:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/>

What should I do if I know someone who has contracted the virus?

The HSE is carrying out contact tracing of all individuals who may have come into casual or close contact with a diagnosed patient. You will only be contacted directly by the HSE if you fall into this category. You will be advised by the HSE on what actions to take. Please notify your course co-ordinator if you have been contacted by HSE.

I have been advised by my GP to self-isolate, who should I inform?

Students who have been advised to self-isolate should inform their course co-ordinator immediately.

Am I protected against COVID-19 if I had the influenza (flu) vaccine this year?

No. Influenza and COVID-19 are two very different diseases and the seasonal influenza vaccine does not protect against COVID-19. As the European influenza season is still ongoing, the influenza vaccine is the best available protection against seasonal influenza and it is not too late to get the flu vaccine.

Is it safe to handle money that may have been handled by someone with COVID-19?

There is no evidence of a risk of contracting the virus that causes COVID-19 by handling money. The best way to protect yourself is to use good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene.

When should I call a Doctor?

You only need to phone a doctor if you have symptoms and any of the following apply to you:

- They are the type of symptoms you would usually contact a GP about
- You have travelled from an affected area
- You are a close contact of a confirmed case in Ireland - if you are, the Department of Public Health will contact you

Anyone with symptoms of coronavirus who has been in close contact with a confirmed case in the last 14 days should:

- Isolate themselves from other people - this means going into a different, well-ventilated room alone, with a phone
- Contact their GP, or emergency department
- In a medical emergency (if you have severe symptoms) phone **112** or **999**