



COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (PSTE) INSTITUTIONS AND AWARDING BODIES REGULATED BY THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Reference: Public Health 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (No. 24) Regulations Dated 16th August 2020

ACTT wishes to draw reference to the following stipulations quoted in the above-mentioned regulations for the purpose of the functioning of Registered, Accredited and Recognized PSTE Institutions and Awarding Bodies in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago:

Section 2: During the period specified in Regulation 12, a person shall not, without reasonable justification-

(a) be found at any public place where the number of persons gathered at any time exceed *five*;

Section 3 (3): Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1 (i)), a public or private pre-school, early childhood education centre, primary school, secondary school or tertiary institution may provide classes to its students by electronic or other means as approved by the Minister;

Section 12: These regulations shall have effect from 17 August 2020 to 12 September 2020.

For the evidence of doubt, the following definitions are being applied by ACTT:

- public place includes a physical site where teaching, learning and administration takes place;
- persons gathered at any time exceeding five refer to five or less persons occupying the same physical site (office, meeting room etc) appropriately garbed and observing physical distancing for administrative and related purposes. ACTT anticipates that educational and extra-curricular activities may be suspended during the period.

In accordance with the No 24. Regulations, PSTE institutions and awarding bodies are expected to conduct educational activities such as teaching, learning and assessment by open, distance and online learning (ODOL) modalities. However, in instances where administrative and faculty staff are expected to operate at an instructional site for any reason, they are to ensure that they comply with Section 2 (a) of the Regulations. ACTT will observe its anticipated site visits over the period and ensure that such visits comprise no more than five persons. Site visits may utilize electronic methods for observations, meetings and evaluations, where these can be accommodated.

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