

**Government of Odisha**  
**Higher Education Department**

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From

Saswat Mishra, IAS  
Principal Secretary to Government

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**The Vice-Chancellor (All State Public Universities coming under Higher Education Department)**

**The Principals (All Government/ Non-Government Degree Colleges coming under Higher Education Department)**

Sub: Commencement of Physical Classroom teaching for 2020-21 First Year UG students in Universities and Colleges w.e.f. 20.09.2021

Madam/Sir,

In view of improvement in Covid-19 situation in the state, State Public Universities and Government as well as Non-Government Degree Colleges (coming under H.E. Department) are hereby directed to commence physical classroom teaching for 2020-21 UG First Year students (for both 3 year & 4 Year UG Courses) from **20<sup>th</sup> September 2021** following Covid-19 prevention guidelines.

**Guidelines**

- a. Teachers/ Staff/ Students residing in Containment Zones shall not come to University/ College.
- b. Face Mask/ Face Cover shall be mandatory.
- c. Frequent Hand Wash/ Hand Sanitization shall be ensured.
- d. Social Distancing shall be adopted in classrooms, libraries, laboratories, etc. If need be, crowded classes can be divided into batches and teaching hours in a day can be extended.
- e. Spitting in campus shall be strictly prohibited.
- f. Respiratory etiquettes shall be strictly followed. (i.e. Covering one's mouth and nose by handkerchief while coughing/ sneezing)
- g. Self-monitoring of health and reporting of illness should be encouraged.
- h. There must be an isolation room ready for any emergency.

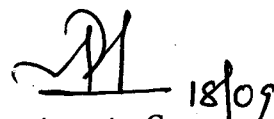


Hostels shall be opened from 19.09.2021 for these students. All possible Covid-19 prevention protocols shall be followed in hostels.

Suitable decision regarding commencement of classes of 2021-22 Under Graduate and Post Graduate First Semester/ First Year shall be communicated later.

State Private Universities (under H.E. Department) may also consider following these guidelines to the extent required by them.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to Principal Secretary to Hon'ble Chancellor of State Public Universities, Raj Bhavan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha for kind information of Hon'ble Chancellor.



Principal Secretary to Government

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Principal Secretary to Government

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Principal Secretary to Government

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