

## टाटा मूलभूत अनुसंधान संस्थान

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National Centre of the Government of India for Nuclear Science and Mathematics and a Deemed University

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## Rules and Precautions to be followed in view of Covid-19 Pandemic

(w.e.f. February 1, 2021)

In view of the reported decrease in intensity of the Covid-19 pandemic in Mumbai and its surroundings areas, and in compliance with the DAE OM No. 16/6/2020-SCS/COVID-19/1166 dt. 22.01.2021, the following rules and precautions are to be followed in the TIFR campus from February 1, 2021, till further notice.

- 1. 'Work from Home' and 'Stay at Home' provisions will stand withdrawn w.e.f. 01.02.2021. All employees are expected to attend office on all working days. Employees not attending office will have to avail their leave entitlements as per rules. Students who left the campus during the lockdown should now plan their return by the end of February 2021.
- 2. Employees may be permitted to follow staggered timings to reduce congestion inside office and laboratory spaces, as decided by the Section Heads and/or PIs.
- 3. Common facilities, including canteens, workshops, library, gym, etc. may ramp up to resume full scale operations which can accommodate the increased footfalls in the Institute premises, subject to Items 9 and 10 below.
- 4. Classroom teaching, examinations, large meetings, seminars/colloquia shall continue to be held in online mode till March 31, 2021. The pandemic situation will be reviewed in March 2021, and the future course of action will be decided accordingly.
- 5. The Visitors' programme will remain suspended till March 31, 2021. Accordingly, the Guest House will not accept bookings till further notice. The pandemic situation will be reviewed in March 2021, and the future course of action will be decided accordingly.
- 6. JRFs/SRFs, External Ph.D./Project Students, etc. may resume visiting the campus for work, but will not be provided accommodation, even on a temporary basis.

- 7. Quarantine will remain waived for anyone coming/returning to the campus after domestic travel, except for students who will be residing in the hostel. Such students will continue to be quarantined for 14 days. Likewise, anyone returning from abroad, or who has been in 'high risk' contact (see attached document) with a covid-19 positive patient will have to remain in quarantine for 14 days.
- 8. In all cases of quarantine, if the individual undergoes an RT-PCR test on the 6<sup>th</sup> day and the result is negative, the remaining part of the quarantine may be waived, provided he/she has not been in close/prolonged contact with a covid-positive person during the quarantine period.
- 9. Inside the Institute premises, the standard precautions against covid-19 infection, e.g. wearing masks, hand sanitization, social distancing, etc. shall remain in force.
- 10. In case of covid-19 infection, the SOP circulated in September 2020 (see attached document) shall remain in force.

This supersedes all previous orders on the subject.

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All Faculty, Staff, Post-docs and Students in Colaba