

11th September 2020

Dear Student,

We trust you are well and this finds you in good health.

As you know, BIHC launched a request through the Ministry of Education to have our campus re-opened in order to conduct physical lectures, particularly the practical units. We have put measures in place to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, where additional automated hand-washing booths with sensors, mounted infrared contact-less thermo temperature-monitoring scanners, contact-less infrared hand sanitizers, spaced and marked designated sitting areas, campus-wide signage on health/safety protocols, among many more have all been established.

Over the past few weeks, BIHC has seen inspection visits by officials from the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Authority of Kenya (TVETA), State Department of Vocational and Technical Training, Nairobi Metropolitan Services and County Health Inspectorate. We were also honored to host Education CS Prof. George Magoha and the Technical and Vocational Training PS, Dr. Julius Jwan on 12th September 2020 for the same and they were impressed with the measures we have put in place. While we have received very positive feedback from these officials, the decision to re-open our campus lies with the Ministry of Education and we have been asked to be patient as the government team continue to discuss this national agenda.

September-December Term

As we continue to wait for direction from the Ministry of Education, who have expressed that we may receive further inspection visits by various government officials, we have set 21st September 2020 as the official commence date for the September to December term, which will be conducted virtually through our Online Learning platforms- Google Meet, Google Classroom, the e-Library and e-Portal. This means that all eligible students will be proceeding to the following term of their studies for example, Term 4 students will proceed to Term 5.

Please note that you will be required to fill in an online registration form, which will be shared with you via email.

Practical Units

As we continue to wait on the government's directive to reopen our campus facilities, we shall communicate a date when we can conduct our practical training. We are confident that all practical units shall be covered in accordance to the curriculum and shall be covered in totality once we are permitted to reopen. In addition, we have refurbished the Boma Inn kitchen and final works on our new World Class kitchen are underway in order to ensure that we have sufficient capacity to catch up on the time we have lost for practical lectures as quickly as possible.

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As mentioned, you will receive at least 7 days notice before reopening in order to give you time to prepare yourself accordingly.

Internships

Unfortunately, the business levels in local hotels and restaurants is still quite low due the global effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. While we and our partner hospitality establishments are confident that the industry will eventually recover, this recovery process is greatly dependent on various factors which are out of our control. We therefore recommend all qualified Term 2 students to progress directly to Term 4, where they will be eligible for a 6-month internship upon completion of their Term 5 studies. We are in the process of placing current Term 6 students in various hotels and restaurants, however, we urge patience as the industry gradually recovers. Our Academics department is currently in touch with the September 2018 cohort for continued support.

International Internships

The USA, Caribbean and Middle East internships are currently on hold due to the effects of COVID-19 on these destinations. We shall be sure to notify you as and when we receive placement offers from our various international partners.

Fees

Each cohort will receive their unique fees structures via email through our Accounts department. We believe that we shall get the green light to reopen for on-campus learning and as such, there shall be no reduction on the September-December term's fees.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to reach out via the following channels:

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Sincerely,

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