

GUIDELINES FOR THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE STUDENTS RETURNING TO AQUINAS FOR THEIR EXAMS

In view of the importance of “social distancing”, AQUINAS has taken necessary steps to ensure that students are safe when they return to the College for their examinations. The purpose of this guideline is to inform you of the steps that are in place and what needs to be done before you come to AQUINAS, when you are in AQUINAS and once you return home.

Before you come to AQUINAS

- You must make necessary arrangement to obtain a certificate from either the Gramasevaka or PHI of your area. If you currently live in a temporary address, the certificate should be obtained from the Gramasewaka/ PHI of that area and bring that with you.
- If you have been quarantined, make sure to obtain your quarantine certificate and have it in your possession.
- You can use your AQUINAS identity card as a curfew pass if you are crossing district boundaries to travel to AQUINAS.
- If female students require temporary accommodation whilst your examinations are ongoing, please inform Rev. Fr. Bertram Fernando/Bursar of AQUINAS. (0777480688)
- You must only wear the recommended faculty uniform when you come to AQUINAS.
- You may wear any other personal protective equipment as long as they do not hinder the verification of your identity. Therefore, make sure you purchase such items before you travel to AQUINAS.
- You must not wear any jewellerys, wrist watches, rings or any other items when you come. Female students must wear their hair up and tight.

- Wearing a mask at all times is compulsory while you are at AQUINAS, therefore make sure you purchase an adequate number of masks.
- You must bring only the essential items (pen, pencil, calculators etc.). Since you may not have time to study just prior to the exam, you may not bring any study materials when you come.
- You are not allowed to eat while inside the Exam Hall. Therefore, please make sure you have your meals before you come to the exam. You may bring a small bottle of water/ small bottle of hand sanitizer with you. However, you should not under any circumstances share those with the others.
- AQUINAS Canteens will NOT be opened during the period of Examinations. You are requested to bring all your Meals. Same as above, you should NOT share your meals with others.
- When you arrive at the faculty you are required to sit in a designated holding area. If you are still unaware of where your holding area is, please contact the faculty office or the Student Discipline Master.
- Make sure you arrive at AQUINAS main gate leaving sufficient time for necessary checking and disinfection processes as You are expected to be present in the Exam Hall at least 30 minutes before the exam.
- Most importantly, be honest, when you arrive at the main gate reveal any conditions you may have. You are assured that you will still be allowed to undertake the exam with special arrangements.

When you are in AQUINAS

- You must always wear a mask while you are inside AQUINAS.

- You must take necessary care to maintain the minimum distance from the others, while walking, queuing and sitting.
- Once you arrive at the faculty, you will be asked to produce Gramasewaka/ PHI certificate, your body temperature will be checked using a contactless thermometer, you will be requested to wash your hands with soap and have your shoes disinfected by the footbath placed.
- Make sure you produce your quarantine certificate if you have any with you.
- The faculty relies on your honesty and please declare if you are not feeling well, if you have any fever or flue like symptoms. Please consider this as a social responsibility.
- The College Doctor or the Nurse will be available all throughout the examinations.
- Once that process is over, you should walk into your respective holding areas.
- You are not allowed to use lifts and when you take stairs please make sure you do not touch handrails.
- When you are at the holding area, you will be guided to your designated seat. You must remain seated until you are asked to walk into your desk in the examination hall.
- Your desk in the exam hall was allocated based on the area you travelled to AQUINAS, therefore make sure that you provide the faculty with your current address before you come to AQUINAS.

- You must not take any study materials or any other belongings except for ID cards, pen, pencil, eraser, calculator etc., a water bottle a small hand sanitizer to the exam hall.
- All desks and chairs are disinfected prior to the commencement of every exam. Therefore, you must not attempt to do any cleaning.
- All examination papers and answer script books are decontaminated and hence you should not be over cautious in handling them.
- When the examination hall staff comes to your desk to verify your identity, please place your identity card on your desk to be clearly seen by them. They will not handle any of your belongings. At this point hand over the exam admission sheet you took from home. Make sure that you have signed in the appropriate location.
- Once the exam is over place your answer scripts at the right-hand side of your desk away from your belongings.
- Make sure that you take all your belongings before you leave the exam hall. All what is left will be destroyed.
- Once the exam is over, please remain seated until you are asked to leave the hall one after the other maintaining the minimum distance.
- You should not use lifts and leave the faculty building without gathering in any place. The Priest in Charge of the faculty has taken necessary steps to monitor the faculty building using CCTV and anyone found chatting in groups will be reprimanded.

When you return home

- Make sure to disinfect all items you took to the exam before you take them inside.
- You must leave your shoes outside and all clothing must also be thoroughly washed with soap before using again.
- Disinfect yourself before interacting with any other members of your family.

Notwithstanding the above guidelines, students must make sure that they follow necessary advisories/guidelines/directions issued by the government, to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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