Annoucement on COVID 19: BOU Students, Staff and Tutors

Following the measures announced by Botswana Government on COVID-19 prevention and containment, which include:

- Restricted numbers of people gathering at any place
- Maintenance of 1 to 2 metres distance between people in any setting (social distancing)
- Restrictions on non-essential local travel
- Closure of institutions of learning with effect from 23rd March 2020.

Although closure of learning institutions has been announced, BOU as an open and distance learning institution is in a position to continue teaching and learning within the prescribed government parameters and protocols regarding numbers of people gathering in one place, and social distancing. We take this opportunity to inform you that we are currently working on measures to ensure that minimum disruption is experienced in our teaching and learning activities, as well as student and administrative support. To this end therefore we shall be announcing measures put in place regarding the following activities:

- Student admissions processes
- Student registration
- Student induction
- Student learning activities

At this point we wish to advise the following:

- Tertiary program applications shall continue, and you will be advised on strategies to avoid congestion at regional campuses. Students are encouraged to utilise the online registration platform where possible.
- Tertiary education students are advised to continue engaging with their learning materials and submitting relevant assessment items as per the programme requirements of this Semester. Further information will be provided on the website regarding the April tutorial session and May examinations.
- Submission of CA (assignments) to be done through the Moodle learning platform for School of Education Students
- Submission of CA(assignments) to be done through email to tutors and copy the Tertiary Assessment and Examinations Officer for School of Business and Management Studies.
- Submission of CA(assignments) to be done through email to the Course Mentor and copy the Programme Coordinator for School of Social Sciences.
- Open schooling registration shall continue at Learning Centres and measures to avoid congestion will be communicated to Learning Centre Supervisors as soon as possible.
- Open Schooling examinations registration shall also continue at Learning Centres and measures to comply with Government social distancing protocols will be put in place.
- The Open Schooling inductions and tutorials will be suspended to comply with Government protocols. Alternative methods of delivering content will be explored, and announcements on the same shall be made.
- The University shall explore using technology, digital platforms, and other communication methods at our disposal to ensure continuity.
- You are advised to check announcements and Notifications to students and Tutors on the University website, email, Sms and other platforms from time to time.

Thank you,