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SITUATION UPDATE

Dear Students and Colleagues

The Wits COVID-19 Management Committee has been informed that the medical student who is in self-isolation remains well and is not displaying symptoms of COVID-19. Whilst there is always still a risk that the infection may manifest, symptoms would generally have developed over the last five days. We are therefore cautiously optimistic that the individual may not have been infected, although we are still waiting for the final test results.

The Committee will continue to monitor the situation in real time. However, this event has highlighted that the University is able to respond to concerns of this nature and we will do so on an ongoing basis with the primary intent of minimising the risk of people in our community becoming infected.

Wits is in the fortunate position of having access to many of the country's experts and academics, and we are consulting with the most knowledgeable in our country around COVID-19. We are also in a position to call on international expertise if required. Read more about one such expert in our midst, Prof. Lynn Morris: <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-03-12-whither-covid-19-will-south-africa-emerge-bruised-or-with-a-raging-epidemic/>

We will keep you updated as soon as we have more information. For now, all University activities continue as scheduled.

Enjoy the weekend. Remember to wash and dry your hands thoroughly!

The Wits COVID-19 Management Committee

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