

Dear colleagues,

On 12 April, we introduced the use of the UL Student COVID-19 Day-Pass Portal for a trial period, which will finish at the end of this week.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace in line with HSE guidelines, all students coming on campus for lectures, practical classes, project work or library study were asked to **either** complete the UL Student COVID-19 Day-Pass Portal **or** to download and print off a PDF copy of the UL Student COVID-19 Self-Declaration Form.

The response to the Portal by the vast majority of students coming on campus has been positive with very few operational or other difficulties reported. A reminder that if you come across any issues with the Portal in your interactions with students, to please report them to covidportal@ul.ie. For more information about the Portal and what to do if a red-pass is shown, please go to [Return to Campus-Working folder](#) on the COVID-19 SharePoint site.

Thanks to everyone for their help in running this pilot.

Campus News

All UL Staff and Students received an invitation last week from the Office of the Director of Human Rights, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion to complete a national survey of experiences of sexual violence and sexual harassment in the third level sector. The survey is being conducted by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) on behalf of Minister Simon Harris. Please take a moment to [complete this survey here](#).

Here in UL, the University has established a Consent Framework Steering Committee [The Consent Framework | UL - Equality and Diversity](#) chaired by the Provost and consisting of senior UL staff members and Student Life Officers who are responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Framework and delivering on the Framework Action Plan. As part of this process, a Framework Policy Development Group has been established to oversee the review of existing Dignity & Respect Policies and develop a new Sexual Misconduct – Sexual Harassment Policy in line with the Framework.

On Friday, colleagues were invited to provide feedback on the key challenges currently being experienced as remote working continues. The purpose of the survey is to identify and address the challenges remote working is having on your career, your productivity levels and your physical and mental wellbeing in order to identify any equality, diversity and inclusion issues that need to be addressed by the University. Please follow this [link to complete the 2021 Staff Pulse Survey on Remote Working](#). Outputs of this will feed into the ongoing development of UL's Remote Working Policy.

UL in the Media

Munster rugby player Peter O'Mahony recorded a short video for UL students encouraging them to 'keep the faith' in anticipation of public health restrictions being relaxed in the coming weeks and months. Follow this [link to watch his message](#).

Last week, *The Limerick Leader* featured an article about the acting head of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics at UL, Professor James Gleeson's role as a member of the Irish Epidemiological Modelling Advisory Group (IEMAC). Read it online [here](#). The Leader also covered the launch of the [new smart manufacturing solution](#) at Confirm on Monday.

A useful site to bookmark to keep up with public events and announcements about the University is the [UL News Centre](#).

Have a good week,

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