

Dear all,

There have been a number of queries about what effect the planned relaxing of COVID-19 restrictions on 22 October will have on our campus. As of yet, we are waiting to see if there will be sectoral guidance and if we receive anything, a communication will go to all staff.

For now, the advice that was sent to students last week about the continuing requirement for face-coverings on campus, and the need to self-isolate if you are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test should also be followed by staff. In the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, please email COVID19report@ul.ie with the date of diagnosis and the last date you were on campus. Students were also advised that classes >300 will continue online for the remainder of the semester for scheduling reasons.

Until 22 October, formal meetings should remain online and 2m social distancing should be maintained.

On-Campus Vaccination Follow Up

There was a good attendance at the walk-up vaccination clinics run by the HSE in September. A follow up clinic will run from 1000 – 1900 next **Wednesday, 20 October only** in EG O10, Ground Floor, Main Building.

- Everyone who received their first dose and are due their second dose will be contacted by the HSE to arrange an appointment.
- Walk-ins for a first dose of the Pfizer vaccination will also be accepted.
- Those who receive dose one at this clinic will have to attend Limerick Racecourse for their second dose.

Any health information received by Mid-West vaccination staff will not be available to the University of Limerick.

Healthy UL

Healthy UL is an initiative of the Office of the President aimed at promoting the well-being of the University community. It is organised around three pillars: Healthy UL, Healthy Systems, and Healthy People and Environment. [Watch Professor Catherine Woods](#) (Physical Education and Sport Sciences) give an overview of Healthy UL and some of its successful initiatives.

The [First Seven Weeks](#) initiative is run by the Centre for Transformative Learning to provide strong, enhanced and targeted support to students during the very early weeks of their time at UL. Healthy UL have taken ownership of Week 7, so on Wednesday 20 October, staff and students are invited to attend a seminar from 1-2pm: *An interview with Joe Slattery: Seeking help for you or a family member with addictive behaviours*. Follow this [link](#) to register. Joe is a TEDx speaker and coordinates the NorthStar Family Support Project, where he works with families in the Limerick region affected by a loved one's drug or alcohol abuse.

Please click on the linked words for self-audit tools and resources to help you identify if you or a loved one has a problem with [Drugs](#), [Alcohol](#) or [Gambling](#).

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – online training module

Data Protection legislation provides for every individual's right to privacy and each of us as UL employees are required to undertake our day-to-day duties in accordance with the rules set out in this legislation. This interactive online module will provide a practical understanding of GDPR obligations and requirements, and highlights steps required to aid compliance with the legislation.

The module should be completed by all staff of UL who have not yet done so and will take approximately 60 minutes to complete.

For details on how to access the course please [click here](#).

If you completed this module in 2018/2019, we urge you to attend the next one hour refresher course, details of which can be found here: [GDPR Refresher Workshop | UL - University of Limerick](#)

For more information about the courses available in the Learning and Development schedule, please go to: [Training Programmes and Schedule](#).

UL in the media

Congratulations to Donal Ryan, Lecturer in Creative Writing at UL, who has been awarded the Jean Monnet Prize for European Literature. [Listen](#) to his reaction on RTE's Morning Ireland on becoming the first Irish writer to win the prize.

The University's official Twitter account is running a series on UL's Hidden Spaces. Follow @UL to share yours.

Yesterday, *The Irish Examiner* covered research from UL and Oxford University that found runners who socialise with other participants before an event tend to do better. Read more [here](#).

BMJ Open features an article by Owen Doody, Maria E. Bailey & Therese Hennessy from the Department of Nursing & Midwifery about the nature and extent of intellectual disability research publications in Ireland. Read their findings [here](#).

Musician and founding member of The Chieftains, Paddy Maloney, died this week. The Chieftains were the first act to perform in the newly built UCH in 1993, and Paddy was an inspiration to students and staff who he worked with at the Irish World Academy of Music & Dance over many years. Read the IWA's tribute to Paddy Moloney on their [facebook](#) page.