Dublin City University English Language School
Statement   Operating Protocol During COVID-19

Effective: From 23 November 2021 until further notice.

This statement is issued to provide clarity around the operation of DCU LS services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Education is deemed an *essential service* by the Government of Ireland*,* and the operation of face to face classes for students of all DCU Bachelors, Masters and Language Courses falls within this definition. On this basis we confirm:

(a) That students who have registered for a face-to-face course at DCU LS will attend classes at our campus. Appropriate safeguarding measures including the mandatory wearing of face coverings in classes and in other campus areas is required. For general DCU Policy and Procedure regarding COVID-19, please see: https://www.dcu.ie/attendingdcu-students-covid-19-advice

(b) At this time, it is not expected that restrictions on the delivery of educational services will occur. However, in the event that Government restrictions mandate a temporary cessation of face to face classes, students attending DCU LS courses will receive tuition via an online class until a resumption of face to face classes can occur.

(c) In the event that temporary delivery of online classes is required, affected students will receive educational services to the same specification as they would have received for face to face classes. Classes will take place for the same number of hours, on the same days as face to face classes.

(d) In the event that classes are temporarily moved to online delivery, students are required to attend classes until the end of their course booking. Programme suspension / holiday / student refund is not possible in these circumstances.

For general information about Irish Government Policies, DCU Information and General Health Advice, please see:

Item	For Information See:
Students: Information About Attending DCU	https://www.dcu.ie/attendingdcu
For General Irish Public Health Information Please See:	
Irish Government Updates	*https://www.gov.ie/en/news/7e0924-latest-updates-on-covid-19-coronavirus/*
Traveling to Ireland During COVID-19	https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/travel_and_recreation/travel_to_ireland/travel_to_ireland_during_covid.html