

Student's adherence to COVID-19 health guidelines win Principal's accolades.....as he implores students to embrace online classes.....

NORTHERN Technical College Principal Victor Mulenga has commended students for their adherence to health guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Health during the just ended examinations.

Mr Mulenga has further expressed happiness at the levels of compliance and adherence by members of staff as guided by both the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Higher Education respectively.

He noted that it was commendable that students had successfully completed examinations with no record of a Covid 19 case or students presenting known symptoms adding that the institution has adequately prepared for students that will be reporting for classes next week in preparation for examinations in December.

The Principal said the institution is prepared to host students as it has adequate hand washing facilities and hand sanitizers at every point of entry with routine temperature checks being conducted before entry into the institution.

Mr Mulenga said that the College is currently putting in place necessary measures such as disinfecting of classrooms by the local authority in preparation for students that are expected to report on 17th August 2020 for lessons and examinations scheduled for December.

He explained that both students and members of staff are expected to strictly adhere to the health guidelines as guided by the authorities and anyone found contravening the directive will face disciplinary action.

Adding that students are advised to provide their own masks, though Government through the Ministry of Higher Education was looking into ways to help students by providing face masks following the submission of statistics on the number of students.

“Students have been very cooperative and I believe we are prepared and the experience we had with the July group is invaluable. The students were extremely disciplined as we did not have any case of theft of hand wash or sanitizers which have been strategically put across the College,” he said.

Mr Mulenga noted that due to unexpected closure of the institution due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Management was aware that students still had a few weeks on their academic calendar and it was for this reason that they would only pay for one term.

“Students will only pay for one term; However, I should make it clear that we are only dealing with final year students that were scheduled to complete in August and December respectively. This is because we want to have numbers that we can manage as institution,” he said

Commenting on the implementation of the online classes, Mr Mulenga said the College was doing well despite the mindset of students who are waiting to get back to school.

Adding that there was need for all stakeholders to change their mindset and understand the importance of the online classes during the pandemic as there was no other way of learning due to restrictions on interface interaction.

Mr Mulenga has advised students that for them to access the online platform they need to ensure their accounts are settled.

“We are requesting everyone involved especially students that at the moment the only way to learn except through the online platform and advise them to adhere to the set guidelines especially payments. There are a few teething problems but students being apprehensive will only realize later that their friends have learnt a lot as we don’t know when we will open, “he said.

He further appealed to all members of staff to ensure that they follow the time table and hold classrooms as prepared.

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