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**UCT confirms fifth case of COVID-19**

In a fifth case of COVID-19 at the University of Cape Town, a student has tested positive for the virus.

UCT previously confirmed four other cases – three staff members and a student. Unlike the previous four cases, this case was confirmed in KwaZulu-Natal.

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Health confirmed the case through the prescribed protocol and is caring for the student and conducting contact tracing.

UCT wishes all the affected staff members and students well and a speedy return to good health.

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