



**UNIVERSITY OF UYO, UYO**  
**OFFICE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**  
**(DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS)**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**RE: UNIUYO HEALTH CENTRE SHUTS DOWN OVER COVID-19 SCARE**

The attention of the Management of the University of Uyo has been drawn to the news published online, that is now making the rounds about the closure of the University Health Centre. The news, credited to the Monday August 11, 2020 edition of the "Daily Dispatch Online Newspaper", reports that the University of Uyo Management closed its Health Centre against a COVID-19 patient

Management has considered the information contained in the online Newspaper report as a complete falsehood with a blatant attempt to smear the University's reputation in such a cheap and demeaning manner, fraught with inconsistencies and misinformation to mislead the reading public.

The Reporter, who seems not to know the difference between the University of Uyo Teaching Hospital which is an Institution entirely different and independent of the University of Uyo and the University of Uyo Health Centre which is an establishment within the University principally, for staff and students of the institution, uses the picture of the University Teaching Hospital Gate to write about the University of Uyo to make obvious the ignorance and confusion surrounding the Reporter. Furthermore, the Reporter lacks accuracy in the report because there has not been any occasion where a COVID-19 patient was admitted at the University of Uyo Health Centre.

We therefore wish to inform our reading public that:

- (1) University of Uyo Health Center has not recorded any case of Covid-19 as whimsically claimed and reported by the above stated media outlet.

Sadly, the Reporter choose to misinform the general public with her purported COVID-19 patient and unfortunately too, decided that the University of Uyo should be the prey of the smear. This is not right!

The fact remains that the University of Uyo Health Centre has at **No Time** admitted a COVID-19 patient. The facility is principally for staff and students who are still in the lockdown.

- (2) The Federal Government had directed that educational institutions should fumigate their premises and communal areas. Therefore, an official memo to the University Community signed by the Registrar, Mr. Aniediabasi Udofia, was issued on August 05, 2020 indicating the closure of the University Health Services and other communal areas of the University for the Fumigation with effect from August 10, 2020, giving five days' notice.
- (3) It is pertinent also to note that the entire institution had remained closed by the Federal Government directives since March this year, even though skeletal services had continued at the Health Centre. Based on the recent directives by the Federal Government and particularly as students have not yet returned, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Enefiok Essien, SAN, directed that the University Health Centre be closed with effect from Monday, August 10, 2020 to facilitate a comprehensive fumigation of the facility alongside other communal areas.

Finally, we urge our staff, students, university community, parents and the public to disregard such fabricated lies published by the above stated media outlet, as that does not reflect the true stage of development in our Health Services.

The general public should please note the correct situation and be guided.

Thank you.

*Signed:*

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