

IIT, IIM set new college norms for 'post-Covid era'

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Indore: A self-declaration form with every minute detail on travel history of at least past 20 days, restricted entry and scattered lunch breaks are the new normal in educational institutes to stem the spread of Covid-19.

Educational institutes will no longer remain the same as they used to be before the pandemic due to slew of safety measures and re-engineering of campus to ensure safe environment to students and staff.

Top institutes like Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and Indian Institute of



Technology (IIT) at Indore have introduced a lot of changes for entering the campus amid corona scare.

IIM Indore director Prof Himanshu Rai said, "The institute has prepared an exhaustive protocol detailing the standard operating procedure to be followed when students come in as well as what to do in

classrooms and offices. This includes thermal screening not only for every person entering the campus but also at regular intervals for the people on campus."

IIM has made it mandatory for the people entering the campus to fill a self-declaration form with details of their travel history in the past 20 da-

ys. Cafeteria will bear a new look with only two people at opposite sides on a table of six and waiters wearing masks and gloves.

The institute has allowed only 33 per cent of administrative staff to come to office on a particular day. IIT Indore has prepared a comprehensive plan to resume its academic and research activities in a phased manner ahead of the completion of lockdown 4.0.

IIT Indore acting director Prof Neelesh Kumar Jain said, "The institute has constituted a high-level Covid-19 task force to evolve the best and safe office/lab practices, accom-

modation and dining arrangements for the students, ensuring social distancing in classrooms, library, health centre and other workplaces."

Jain said accommodation and dining facilities have been strategically modified and special arrangements have been made to ensure social distancing and safety norms. The institute has mandated students to go for a quarantine period of two weeks before commencement of any academic and research activity upon their return to the campus while hostels will accommodate only 40 per cent of its capacity to ensure social distancing.