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UCT COVID-19 2021 expert list updated

The following academics at the University of Cape Town can be contacted by the media for comment on COVID-19-related aspects. Alternative numbers available upon request.

Name	Area of expertise	Contact details
Professor Linda-Gail Bekker , UCT Desmond Tutu HIV Centre	HIV, tuberculosis and related diseases. Vaccines. Co-lead investigator of the Sisonke trial (Administering the COVID-19 Johnson & Johnson vaccine to healthcare workers).	linda-gail.bekker@hiv-research.org.za 021 650 6963
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Associate Professor Susan Cleary , School of Public Health	Health economics, including: Ethical decision-making during times of scarcity, health systems capacity issues, health system costs. Trade-offs between lives and livelihoods in the COVID-19 pandemic. Resource allocation for inpatient care of COVID-19. COVID-19 waves and variants.	susan.cleary@uct.ac.za 021 406 6755

	Vaccine access and global vaccine equity.	
Associate Professor MaryAnn Davies , Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Research	Public Health Medicine Specialist, socio-behavioural and health systems research, clinical epidemiology of paediatric infectious diseases especially HIV, as well as evaluation and surveillance of antiretroviral therapy. Third wave, variants and vaccines.	mary-ann.davies@uct.ac.za
Emeritus Professor David Coetzee , School of Public Health and Family Medicine	Epidemiology of COVID-19 and the public health aspects, particularly of prevention and vaccination and issues relating to tertiary education.	David.Coetzee@uct.ac.za
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Dr Benjamin Kagina , Vaccines for Africa (VACFA), IDM and School of Public Health & Family Medicine	Evidence-Informed Decision-Making for vaccines and immunisation, vaccines implementation, vaccines advocacy and communication. Also related to COVID-19.	benjamin.kagina@uct.ac.za 021 406 6692

<p>Dr Shrikant Peters, Division of Public Health Medicine</p>	<p>Public Health Medicine Specialist Medical Manager. Hospital, peri-operative and critical care preparedness. Health systems and quality of care research. Also related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>Shrikant.Peters@uct.ac.za</p>
<p>Associate Professor Ross Hofmeyr, Department of Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine</p>	<p>Perioperative management, airway management, intubation, transfer and critical care retrieval of these patients, theatre workflow, personal protective equipment. Also related to COVID-19.</p>	<p>ross.hofmeyr@uct.ac.za</p>

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