

Announcement of the President of Mahidol University on the Confirmed Case of a Student Contracting the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and the Suspension of Teaching and Learning of Mahidol University at Salaya Campus (For Internal and External Circulation)

Reference is made to the announcement of Mahidol University on the confirmed case of a student from the College of Sports Science and Technology contracting the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) circulating internally. The announcement confirmed the positive result of the standard testing process for the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) conducted by the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, and the Department of Medical Science, Ministry of Public Health and currently the student was admitted for medical treatment at the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. In this regard, Mahidol University would like to further update on the progress of measures taken in accordance with the disease control protocol of the Ministry of Public Health as follows:

1. The College of Sport Science and Technology, Mahidol University has secured the areas including the service areas, classrooms and the spots where the student was using during the period. The Golden Jubilee Medical Center, Mahidol University has started to sanitize and disinfect the areas starting from 14-15 March 2020. <u>The College of Sport Science and Technology will also extend the closure period from 14-22 March 2020</u>, including the SS Sport Center and Sirimonkol Swimming Pool to further sanitize these areas. Students will be engaged in the online teaching and learning system or make-up classes will be provided later.

2. Following the outbreak investigation procedures, Mahidol University has contacted individuals with close contact with the student, including close friends, those in contact with the student prior to the test and the student's family. The College of Sport Science and Technology has arranged for these individuals with close contact with the students who will be tested using the Nasopharyngeal Swab and RT-PCR technique by the Faculty of Medicine Siriraj Hospital <u>on 16 March 2020 and the results will be reported back by 17 March 2020</u>.

The College of Sport Science and Technology has already informed these individuals to perform self-quarantine at home starting from 14 March 2020.

In light of the crisis management, <u>Mahidol University is announcing the suspension</u> of the teaching and learning in Salaya Campus during 16-20 March 2020 while undergoing the testing procedures at the College of Sport Science and Technology and waiting for the results. In this connection, <u>for the faculties/institutes/colleges where the online teaching</u> and learning system is ready, it is advisable to follow the University's Guidelines for <u>Teaching and Learning Management due to the COVID-19 Outbreak in the Event of the</u> <u>University Closure.</u> As for the faculties/institutes/colleges where the online teaching and learning system is still developing and is not ready for the system launch within 1 week, makeup classes are recommended at a later date.

Faculty members and supporting staff are requested to continue their work in their respective units as normal so as to plan on any necessary preparation to 'work at home' and as part of the business continuity management.

3. Mahidol University has opened the channels of communication for students, faculty and staff members and the public to receive and retrieve relevant information through: MU Hotline (Tel: 088 8747385), Facebook of the Academic Affairs Division, and Line Official (@mahidoluniversity) under the Corporate Communication Unit, General Administration Division.

Mahidol University will keep updating the situation as it progresses, including the results of the tests to be conducted at the College of Sport Science and Technology. It is also strongly recommended that heads of faculties/colleges/institutes, students, faculty and staff members are monitoring the situation and following up on the future university announcements closely.

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