



## **Announcement of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi: Measures and Surveillance of COVID-19 Outbreak**

In view of escalating COVID-19 outbreak with the staggering number of casualties, its incubation period of 2-14 days to show symptoms and relatively easy transmission route via respiratory droplets and contact with the infected as well as clear evidence of the patients or the infected entering to Thailand; the university is deeply concerned about its situation.

To protect the health of the students and staff members, prevent the spread as well as comply with the announcement of Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, the university has therefore announced the following measures.

1. All faculties/ institutes/ offices or departments are requested to contact their Chinese students who recently traveled to the People's Republic of China in the past two weeks and have not yet returned to Thailand to inform the class schedule as deemed appropriate. In addition, they should provide make-up classes to the students upon their return to normal classes.

2. All faculties/ institutes/ offices or departments are requested to contact their Chinese students who are currently residing in Thailand and have not traveled to China in the past two weeks and ask them for cooperation to avoid meeting anyone returning from China in order to minimize the risk of virus infection. Those who have come in contact with the returnees from China are requested to inform the faculties/ institutes/ offices or departments immediately.

3. The university requests that the students or staff members returning from the areas of COVID-19 outbreak especially China during the current outbreak period take a 14-day leave for observation purposes and inform names, telephone numbers and addresses to the faculties/ institutes/ offices or departments. Such action shall not be counted as leave or absence. All faculties/ institutes/ offices or departments are then advised to send the information of those groups to the Health Care Unit, Office of the President at Tel. 02-470-8441-6. Furthermore, they should maintain close vigilance in monitoring those returnees from China.

4. Students and staff members returning from abroad who have a fever or respiratory symptoms (e.g. coughing, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath) within 14 days of entering Thailand are requested to wear masks and perform hand hygiene and visit and are advised to report travel history to the Health Care Unit or hospitals under their medical benefits schemes as there is a possibility that they have caught COVID-19. Furthermore, superimposed pneumonia might be developed, which can be fatal.

5. Students and staff members having fever or respiratory symptoms should notify the departments or immediate supervisors and visit the Health Care Unit or health care providers under their medical benefits schemes. Not encouraged to self-care, they should be closely taken care of by doctors in order to limit the spread of the disease.

6. Those students and staff required to travel to the countries where the virus outbreak has been reported are asked to suspend the plan. If the trip cannot be canceled, please avoid closed crowded spaces or polluted areas and maintain distance from sick individuals who sneeze or cough. Always wear masks in public areas, refrain from going to live animal selling market and frequently wash hands with water, soap or alcohol-based hand rub.

7. During the outbreak of the virus, staying healthy is the best immune system. Please follow the advice below:

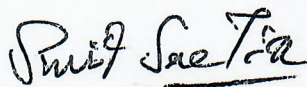
- Avoid the public area and refrain from going to the hospitals where the outbreak occurs if not necessary
- Maintain distance between yourself and those who cough and sneeze
- Wear masks, frequently wash your hands with water, soap or alcohol-based hand rub and do not touch eyes, noses and mouths if not necessary.
- Do not share personal belongings such as handkerchief, glass and towel
- Stay warm and have enough rest
- Regularly exercise
- Consume only clean and **thoroughly** cooked food e.g. meats, eggs and vegetables

8. The university will closely monitor the COVID-19 situation and may seek further cooperation from faculties/institutes/offices or departments and students in the future to prevent the spread of the virus accordingly.

Students and the staff are advised to keep themselves updated with COVID-19 situation by visiting the website of Department of Disease Control at <https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/intro.php>. To keep the situation under control, all faculties/institutes/offices or departments are requested to report any unusual incident or abnormalities to the Health Care Unit, Office of the President at Tel. 02-470-8441-6.

Please be informed and proceed accordingly.

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