Announcement of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University

Safety and Precaution Measures Regarding the COVID-19 Virus for Students

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The World Health Organization (WHO) advised that the Novel Coronavirus 2019: 2019-nCoV is a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) and the Ministry of Public Health has recently listed the COVID-19 as a severe communicable disease, according to the Communicable Diseases Act B.E. 2554. In addition, the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI) released an Announcement on the Safety and Precaution of the Virus, No. 1 dated 25th January 2020 and No. 2 dated 25th February 2020. Mahidol University has also issued the Announcement of Mahidol University on Safety and Precaution Measures Regarding the COVID-19 dated 24th February 2020 and the Announcement of Mahidol University on Safety and Precaution Measures Regarding the COVID-19 for Students dated 28th February 2020.

In order to prevent the COVID-19 disease outbreak, especially cross-border transmission which may affect public health in Thailand, and by virtue of Mahidol University Act B.E. 2550 in section 37, the following have been announced:

(1) In this announcement,

Faculty of ICT means the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University.

Dean means the Dean of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University.

Students means the students of all curriculum programs and all study levels studying in the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University, including students from other faculties who are attending classes in the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University.

Ongoing outbreak areas means the countries/territories/areas being listed in the attachment and the countries/territories/areas reported as having a surge in cases or an ongoing outbreak of the COVID-19, according to the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health. This includes all areas in the said countries/territories/areas.

Travel to means travel to the destination in or stay in or drop by the ongoing outbreak area.

Transit means temporarily transit through the ongoing outbreak areas, no matter how long it takes or whether a person gets out of a vehicle or not.

Return from and *Travel from* include transit through the ongoing outbreak areas.

(2) All students are required to strictly follow the law(s), the announcement(s) of the Ministry of Public Health, the announcement(s) of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI), and the announcement(s) of Mahidol University on the relevant issues, and follow this announcement as a supplementary.

(3) All students are required to provide actual information in order to monitor and screen those who have travelled to and from as well as transited through the infected countries/territories/areas and also areas with a surge in cases or who have close contact with the people who travelled to and from as well as transited through the infected countries/territories/areas and also areas with a surge in cases. Concealing information may be considered a criminal offence.

3.1 For undergraduate students, the Academic Services Section is responsible to monitor and report to the dean.

3.2 For graduate students, the Graduate Studies Section is responsible to monitor and report to the dean.

(4) The Head of Academic Administration Office is the coordinator and is responsible for reporting to the Deputy Dean for Engineering and Systems, who is the main contact person coordinating with the Risk Management Center, Mahidol University on COVID-19.

(5) All students are required to follow the related Safety and Precaution Measures, such as temperature checks, and the provision of free surgical masks. In case a student whose body temperature is 37.5 degree Celsius or above or having any respiratory symptoms, etc., the student may be required to stay in a prepared location for surveillance.

(6) The Faculty of ICT does not support any travel to or transit through ongoing outbreak areas. Students are advised to avoid travelling to or transiting through ongoing outbreak areas.

6.1 In case students were allowed to do research, join an academic conference, join a seminar, or join an academic presentation in other countries by travelling to or transiting through ongoing outbreak areas from this effective date in this announcement until 30th April 2020, students are advised to avoid travelling to or transiting to the ongoing outbreak areas. If the travel must be cancelled and it is necessary to have a document as evidence for the cancellation or postponement, please inform the affiliated department to issue the document.

6.2 In case students planned to go abroad for other reasons apart from 6.1 from the effective date in this announcement until 30th April 2020, students are advised to avoid travelling to or transiting through ongoing outbreak areas. If the travel must be cancelled and it is necessary to have a document as an evidence for cancellation or postponement, please inform the affiliated department to issue the document.

(7) In case of inevitable necessity, students have to travel to or transit through ongoing outbreak areas or are currently travelling to or transiting through ongoing outbreak areas, please take strict precautions and protect yourselves by putting on masks, cleaning hands, avoiding sharing personal belongings with others, avoiding crowded places, and following the recommendations of affiliated organizations.

(8) Students who plan to or are going to travel abroad are advised to closely monitor the updated announcements and situation from the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health to avoid travelling to or transiting through the ongoing outbreak areas.

(9) Students who have returned from ongoing outbreak areas are required to report to Academic Services, Faculty of ICT as well as self-quarantine at home for 14 days starting from the date of arriving in Thailand. The students are advised to monitor themselves continuously, to avoid crowded places, to stop taking public transportation, not to share personal belongings with others, and to put on surgical masks when getting close to other people. Furthermore, if students have a fever or represent one of the following respiratory symptoms, such as coughing, sore throat, running nose, or shortness of breath, they must seek medical attention from a medical professional or obtain a COVID-19 screening test at a trusted hospital. Apart from strictly following the advice of the medical personnel, the students are requested to report back their conditions to the Academic Services Section, Faculty of ICT.

9.1 For those who were allowed to do research, join a conference, join a seminar, join an academic presentation, or participate in an exchange program abroad, they have to refrain from attending classes. Such absence shall not be counted as a leave day.
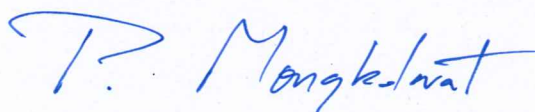
9.2 For those who travelled abroad by themselves for other reasons apart from 9.1, they must report to the Academic Services Section, Faculty of ICT and must refrain from attending classes. Such absence shall not be counted as a leave day.

(10) All students should consider avoiding, cancelling, or postponing any events organized in or outside the Faculty of ICT, or consider holding an event as a teleconference instead. If an event cannot be avoided, please put on masks while attending the event.

(11) In order to collectively control the COVID-19 outbreak, it is advised for all students to realize and give precedence to avoid travelling to or transiting through ongoing outbreak areas, to take precautionary measures to avoid infection, and to provide actual information for their safety and reducing the transmission of the COVID-19 to others.

(12) In case any problems occur with this announcement, the Dean shall review the issue and make the final decision.

Announced on 2nd March 2020

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List of Ongoing Outbreak Countries, Territories or Areas

Attachment of the Announcement of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University on Safety and Precaution Measures Regarding the COVID-19 for Students dated 2nd March 2020

Ongoing Outbreak Countries, territories or areas according to the Announcement of the Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Mahidol University on Safety and Precaution Measures Regarding COVID-19 for Students means the following countries or areas (this list is subject to change) and the countries/territories/areas being reported of having a surge in cases or ongoing outbreaks of COVID-19, according to the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health. This includes all areas in the said countries/territories/areas.

1. People's Republic of China
2. Special Administrative Region Hong Kong
3. Special Administrative Region Macao
4. Taiwan
5. Republic of Singapore
6. Japan
7. Republic of Korea (South Korea)
8. Republic of Italy
9. Islamic Republic of Iran
10. French Republic
11. Federal Republic of Germany
12. Countries with confirmed cases by the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health: https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/intro.php