



**Announcement of Naresuan University
on "Preventive Measures Against Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Epidemic"**

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With reference to the announcement made by the World Health Organization (WHO) indicating that coronavirus disease (COVID-19) epidemic is considered Public Health Emergency of International Concern: PHEIC due mainly to rapid and widespread nature of the disease, the Thai Ministry of Public Health, by its Emergency Operations Center, has recently elevated emergency preparedness response to level 3 in order to effectively monitor the outbreak within Thailand. A range of precautionary measures has also lifted to level 3 for those who wish to travel overseas, particularly to countries where this COVID-19 prevalence is active.

In accordance with Transmittable Diseases Act 2015, coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is enacted in the Thai Royal Gazette as a deadly transmittable disease, which has been enforced since March 1, 2020. Naresuan University seeks cooperation from the community to follow preventive measures as directed by Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health as shown below:

1. Staff members and students avoid travels to countries and Special Administrative Region reported with confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases as listed by the Ministry.
2. Staff members and students who traveled to the listed countries and Special Administrative Region and returned to Thailand, as pointed out in item no.1, must commit home quarantine for 14 days. Such home quarantine period is not considered a leave. The person must also promptly report the development to Department Head, Dean or Director, and President, respectively through email messages. It is also advised the person avoid to engage in any activities associating with a large group of people, which include teachings, meetings, conferences, seminars and the like. Online teachings and teleconferences are preferable alternatives. If fever or uncommon conditions found, he/she must

strictly follow medical guidance from a physician; leaves or class recess is permitted for the person in this particular situation.

For countries not listed in the announcement from Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health, consideration whether a period for home quarantine is accounted for a leave or not is finalised by President, Deans, Directors of Schools/College, Director of Office of the President, or Directors of the Divisions where applicable.

3. Staff members or students having rising body temperature over 37.5 degree Celsius or breathing difficulties (cough, sore throat, and runny nose) or recently been in close contact with foreigners from the listed countries are advised to see a physician.
4. Staff members and students are encouraged to do regular hand washing. Never touch your eyes, nose, and mouth. Cover your nose and mouth with a hygienic mask when exposed to crowded areas.
5. Frequent sanitation of offices and buildings should be done. This includes more frequently cleaning of entrance and exit, elevators, stair rails, and door knobs. Hand sanitizer spots should also be arranged, and air conditioning system be regularly checked. Electric cars and university vans should be cleaned more frequently, specifically at the seats, doors, rails, and arm rests. Announcements relating to this issue should be posted to increase awareness of the community.
6. Steer well clear from engaging in any teaching and learning activities, conferences, and seminars, which involve attendance of person(s) from countries listed by Ministry of Public Health. If necessary, online teachings and teleconferences are preferable modes of communication.
7. Avoid any activities that accommodate a vast group of staff members or students.

Preventive measures within Faculties, Schools, Colleges and Divisions

Appropriate screening policy applies to overseas guests, students, and staff members who travel to, including transit, the listed countries or epidemic areas. Initial measures for vulnerable groups are measuring temperatures and wearing hygienic masks. A vulnerable group is defined below:

1. Having a record of traveling overseas to the listed countries or reported with the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

2. Having close contact with suspected or confirmed cases getting infected by the disease.
3. Been medical/public health staff members who have close contact with suspected or confirmed cases getting infected by the disease.
4. Having either of these symptoms; i.e., temperature of over 37.5 degree Celsius or respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny nose, and breathing difficulties.
5. Points of contact should be established to liaise with Public Relations Office, Division of Central Administration for further notifications of the disease.

Measures for staff members and students who traveled/need to travel to, including transit, the listed countries:

1. The person must report back to Dean/Director immediately after the return.
2. The person must commit home quarantine for 14 days after the return. Should either of these symptoms occurs; i.e., temperature of over 37.5 degree Celsius or respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny nose, and breathing difficulties, he/she must see a physician immediately to have a medical examination and report to Dean, Director of School/College, Director of Office of the President, or Director of the Division immediately.
3. During home quarantine, the person must periodically report to Dean, Director of School/College, Director of Office of the President, or Director of the Division for further development.
4. Deans, Directors of Schools/College, Director of Office of the President, and Directors of Divisions are responsible for reporting back to the university afterwards.

In order to effectively monitor the epidemic of coronavirus disease, it is advised that staff members and students regularly check information, recommendations, and to-dos from the websites of Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health at <https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/index.php> and the World Health Organization at <https://www.who.int>

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