

Health Advisory 4 – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Dear Students and Colleagues,
All members of the Sunway Education Group family

1. Thank you to all for the continued support and cooperation in observing the precautionary measures outlined in SEG's **Health Advisories** on COVID-19. Link to all the health advisories: <https://sunway.edu.my/health-advisory-communicue>
2. COVID-19 updates:
 - a. **Globally, on 11 March¹, WHO declared Covid-19 a pandemic**, which is defined as a situation where a new disease for which people do not have immunity spreads beyond expectation. As of 13 March, 8.00am, the total confirmed cases was 128,352 globally, with 4,953 deaths (China accounted for 80,981 confirmed cases and 3,173 deaths). Among the total number of confirmed cases, **68,324 (53.23%) recovered**.
 - b. **In Malaysia**, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH) as of 12 March, 9 new Covid-19 cases were recorded, bringing the total cases in Malaysia to 158, with 32 patients discharged and 126 still hospitalized. **No deaths** have been recorded thus far. In addition, beginning **March 13**, travellers from Italy, Iran and South Korea will not be allowed to enter Malaysia or transit via any of the International Entry Points. Similar restrictions will be imposed on travellers from Denmark beginning **March 14**.
 - c. **With regard to SEG**, as of **13 March 2020**: All students and staff who have come to us from affected countries requiring self-isolation have not been permitted to come to campus until they have completed their self-isolation period and are healthy. The number who have completed their self-isolation period and allowed back to classes or work are all reportedly healthy. **To date, there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases among SEG students or staff.**

Measures to be Implemented by the Sunway Education Group

3. In light of the increased gravity of the situation, SEG, guided by the various guidelines issued by health and education authorities, will be implementing the following preventive measures, applicable to all students and staff, until the situation improves:
 - All non-essential business or education travel, including mobility programmes and Conference outside Malaysia will be suspended
 - Visitors from overseas or guests who have travelled overseas in the past 14 days should be discouraged from the campus
 - Any mass gatherings on campus involving outsiders should be cancelled or postponed
 - Temperature screening will be implemented

¹ <https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020>

4. A list of events and activities as well as contingencies for the next few months will be drawn up to ensure minimal disruption to educational, research and related activities. The Group Registrar together with Sunway University Vice-Chancellor and Executive Directors of our Colleges and centres including the International Schools, will review the events or activities if they may go ahead or to be further guided.

Additional Reminders to Students & Staff

5. **As the term break has started for some of our student population**, we are mindful that Students, staff and their families may have travel plans. We do request that you consider postponing non-essential personal travel. In the event that travel is inevitable, do stay vigilant and be aware of the developments concerning COVID-19 and requirements for self-isolation upon return from affected countries. Always place safety as your top priority.
6. ***Staff, students, parents, vendors, contractors working on campus and visitors are reminded to stay away from our campus and remain at home if unwell or if you have travelled to any COVID-19 affected countries in the past 14 days.*** And, if you have been in close contact with any person verified positive for COVID-19, please immediately call the National CPRC Hotline (03-8881 0200/ 0600/ 0700) or head to one of the MoH [designated hospitals](#) to get tested and keep us informed.
7. As a reminder, these are our key SEG contact points if there are any arising concerns:
 - a. Health & Safety: +603 7491 8622
 - b. International Office: +6019 336 2242
 - c. Registry: +603 7491 8622
 - d. Residence Management: +6019 273 2558 / +603 7652 5500

Thank you.

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