

(English Translated Version)

Kasetsart University Announcement Regarding Safety Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Issue 30

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic has created a public health crisis. Due to the large number of new infections and the current trend of increasing numbers of infections, at the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration's (CCSA) meeting on 10 July 2021 (Number 9/2021), it was resolved to raise the level of control by imposing strict measures in the areas most critically affected, which are Bangkok and surrounding areas (Pathum Thani Province, Nonthaburi Province, Nakhon Pathom Province, Samut Prakan Province, and Samut Sakhon Province).

Because Kasetsart University is located within this area of maximum strict control (Dark Red Zone), it must take special precautions to ensure the safety and hygiene of students and staff, as well as those who receive services from the university. Kasetsart University must comply strictly with these additional disease control measures established by the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) while continuing to operate the University in an orderly and efficient manner. By virtue of Section 37 of Kasetsart University B.E. 2558, therefore, Kasetsart University, Bang Khen Campus, has taken the following actions to comply:

1. To decrease travel within the restricted area and to minimize interpersonal contact with others, staff shall be permitted to work from home fully, but in a manner that does not adversely affecting any urgent activities or public services. Therefore, the appropriate administrative supervisory authority shall establish guidelines, assign work duties, and implement protocols governing these goals and permit staff to work from home, except as stated below.

All staff shall regularly submit a work from home report detailing compliance with the established guidelines of their office.

However, work on site shall remain in place to carry out necessary duties, such as security service, public health service, computer system and network administration, online teaching, remote practice support, and dormitory services. The appropriate administrative supervisory authority or the vice president responsible for the administrative or academic office shall consider what is most appropriate to comply with these guidelines under the current health situation. However, staff are strictly prohibited from traveling for work-related reasons across the province or to enter another province. If an urgent case arises that necessitates special consideration, the request for an exception from these guidelines must be proposed to the appropriate administrative supervisory authority for consideration, on a case-by-case basis.

2. All faculties are fully requested to conduct classes online.

3. KU Vaccination Center "KU Fight COVID-19" shall continue to provide services as normal. While carrying out these services, the support staff must strictly comply with the COVID-19 safety measures as announced by the Ministry of Public Health.

 Social activities or gathering of five or more people is prohibited. Online methods shall be adapted for classroom instruction, meetings, training programs, and conferences.

5. KU's construction sites must cease until further notice.

 KU's refectory, food, and drink businesses may open only from 06:00-20:00 and may offer takeaway service only.

7. Other KU campuses, training centers, and research stations located outside the maximum control area (Dark Red Zone) shall comply with their local provincial and municipal governments' announcements. Any changes in protocols, activities, and health-related situations must be reported to the appropriate governing institution.

8. If any university faculty, department, office, or institution cannot fully comply with this announcement, the appropriate officers should immediately notify the President who shall have final decision-making authority.

This announcement will be effective from 12-25 July 2021, subject to later amendment or modification.

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