



(Translated Version)
Kasetsart University
Announcement
Regarding the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Pandemic
Safety Recommendations and Important Precautions

The global pandemic caused by the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which seems to have originated in Wuhan, People's Republic of China, has spread to other parts of the world. Many people have contacted the virus and there have been deaths in several countries throughout the world. Unfortunately, there have been reports of infected individuals travelling to Thailand. The infection is spread mainly by human-to-human transmission, by coming into contact with an infected person, and is spread via coughing or sneezing (transmission of respiratory droplets) or secretions (such as runny nose or perspiration) from an infected person. Individuals who are infected are often not even aware of their condition because the incubation period of coronaviruses is estimated to be 2-3 days before symptoms become apparent. When the person first becomes ill, the symptoms are similar to the common cold.

Kasetsart University is very concerned and has decided to act with extreme caution, in order to mitigate this serious situation. Therefore, to minimize the spread of the coronaviruses, KU will stridently follow the recommendations announced by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESI). Specifically, the University requests that all Faculty/Departments, Offices and Institutes follow these instructions:

1. Regarding Chinese students who went back to their hometown in China at any time during the past two weeks and have not yet returned to Thailand, KU Faculty/Department Offices and Institutes should advise these Chinese students to stay in China for at least two more weeks (until February 07). Faculty/Department Office and Institutes shall regularly provide each student with information and instructions regarding how the students may later make-up classes or academic work that they miss.
2. Regarding Chinese students who stayed in Thailand over these past few weeks, KU Faculty/Department Offices and Institutes should inform these students to refrain from having close contact with students who recently returned to Thailand from China, in order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.
3. Regarding students and staff who returned from China since 17 January 2020, these students and staff are requested not to come to campus (please take a leave) for at least 10 days following the date they returned to Thailand. These students and staff are requested to submit detailed information, including the dates and locations of their travel in China, along with their name, phone number, and address to their respective Faculty/Department Offices and Institutes. The information should be submitted to: KU Happy Place Center, Kasetsart University, telephone 025614522 or mobile 0879344994. Additionally, Faculty/Department Offices and Institutes are requested to closely monitor any changes in the health of their students and staff.
4. All Others: Any student and staff who feels ill, with a fever or cold-like symptoms, or experiences any difficulty breathing or other problems with their respiratory tract, should immediately seek medical advice, and should also provide information regarding their health to their Faculty/Department Office or Institute. Because the illness is severe and because virus has the capacity to spread without any physical, visible symptoms, it is not recommended to do self-medication. That is, it is strongly recommended that anyone feeling ill should immediately seek the advice of their doctor.
5. Students and staff should refrain from traveling to China. If the travel cannot be postponed, it is recommended to avoid enclosed or crowded spaces including seafood or animal meat markets, to wear a high-quality mask, and to avoid contact with people who are sick (evidencing runny nose and cough). Everyone should wash their hands frequently with cleansing solutions (soap and water or disinfecting, anti-bacteria gel).
6. The University will monitor this international health alert closely. We will advise each Faculty/Department Office or Institute if it becomes advisable to adopt additional precautionary measures that will minimize the spread of coronaviruses.
Any questions, requests for health information or reports of illness should be provided to: KU Happy Place Center, Kasetsart University, telephone 025614522 or mobile 0879344994.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chongrak'.

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