

## Chiang Mai University Announcement (No. 2)

Surveillance measures and guidelines for Chiang Mai University staff and students to control the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

With respect to the recent Ministry of Public Health announcement regarding communicable diseases (Issue 3) 2020, dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, it is now specified that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID- 19) is now classified as a dangerous communicable disease under the Infectious Disease Act B.E. 2558.

In order to provide better screening, prevention and control of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for Chiang Mai University staff, professors and students who have returned or transited through high-risk countries and special administrative areas, and following the reports by the Department of Disease Control of patients infected with COVID-19 by the Ministry of Public Health, it is deemed appropriate by Chiang Mai University to enforce the following:

- 1. Avoid/Cancel travel to countries and special administrative areas at risk, or where there are people infected by the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as reported by the Ministry of Public Health.
- 2. Chiang Mai University staff, professors and students who are authorized to travel to a foreign country must report to their supervisor immediately after returning from high-risk areas within 24 hours, and please self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of return to Thailand.
- 3. If the individual has symptoms that include: fever, sore throat, panting, have a runny nose, or abnormal respiratory symptoms, it is necessary that they undergo a physical examination for screening. If the results show that the individual has a high-risk of being infected or is infected, or was previously or currently under quarantine following the measures set by the Department of Disease Control, then they shall inform their responsible supervisor of this immediately. Also, this should not be considered as lack of attendance at work, however, if he/she is traveling to a foreign country for purposes that is not related to governmental service, causing the inability to successfully perform their assignment, this will be considered as personal leave.
- 4. If Chiang Mai University staff travel to high-risk countries and special administrative areas with reports of infection of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as announced by the Ministry of Public Health, it is the duty of the staff to comply with the Communicable Disease Act of 2015, and notify their superiors about their travels.

- 5. Increase hygiene at Chiang Mai University Faculties/Institutes/Centers by increasing the frequency of cleaning at the entrance-exit areas of buildings, elevators and bathrooms and regularly clean the public contact points with antiseptic. This also includes cleaning the elevator buttons, handrails, handles, or door knobs and increasing hand sanitizing services in front of the entrance-exit areas in buildings, elevators, meeting rooms, canteens, and increasing the frequency of air conditioning system maintenance. In addition, further public announcements will be made in order to raise awareness about the spread of the disease and preventive actions.
- 6. If it is necessary to hold meetings, seminars, activities and other operations within Chiang Mai University, Faculties/Institutes/Centers should have Coronavirus Disease prevention measures in place.
- 7. Cancel or postpone international conferences and not inviting people from foreign countries to attend meetings, seminars and any other activities during this period.

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