

# PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES @ APU & APIIT: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS 2019 (Covid-19)

Further to several Health Advisories issued over the past few weeks, we would like to provide further updates on the on-going situation with the Covid-19, in terms of precautionary measures that are currently being implemented at APU & APIIT campuses.

- Hand sanitizers are available and are placed at prominent locations at both APU and APIIT campuses. Face masks are available at the reception counters of both APU and APIIT campuses.
- Regular Health Advisories and Public Announcements have been made on all internal & external communication channels available at APU & APIIT.
- Travel advisories have been issued to all APU students who are presently in China, to refrain from travelling to Malaysia until such time that the situation is normalized.
- All APU students who returned from China are required to undergo home surveillance for 14 days, and are required to declare their health status via the Health Declaration Forms.
- Postponement of arrival dates and course commencement dates for new students originating from Wuhan City, Zhejiang Province, Jiangsu Province & Hubei Province until further notice.
- Students, staff and on-campus vendors who are experiencing symptoms like cough, flu, fever, headache and breathing difficulties are strictly required to seek immediate medical treatment at the on-campus Oceana Clinic or the nearest clinics at the vicinity.

# THE NEED FOR COMPASSION AND KINDNESS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

All the precautionary measures above – particularly in relation to persons travelling from China - are consistent with advisories issued by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Ministry of Health (MOH). These are also consistent with advisories issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

As such, rest assured that all our policies surrounding the coronavirus outbreak are always guided by **official advisories issued by these agencies,** since these are developed by experts in the field. We cannot, for instance, be guided by fake news, or even by opinions of armchair commentators who are certainly not qualified to make judgements on proper handling of this very unfortunate issue.

In this regard, we find it necessary to address most unfortunate responses to the novel coronavirus that have been observed in general conversations and on social media. These refer to posts and comments that appear highly xenophobic and racist in nature, and that are tantamount to racial profiling of international students and visitors from China. It is important - as members of the education Last Updated: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020

community - that we demonstrate inclusiveness in our dealings with all our students, and are not seen to be singling out students from any community, particularly since none of them are in anyway at fault.

We must also communicate with compassion and kindness at all times, and help these students in coping with this as best as we can. We are all in this together with our affected students.

Emergency contact details are being circulated to all students as follow, for any queries related to the Covid-19:

Attendance & Academic Matters: admin@apu.edu.my

General Enquiries: info@apu.edu.my

Hotlines:

Health and Safety Matters: 03-89961000

Emergency Hotline: 017-238-1300 (7pm—7am) All Days

017-379-1700 (7am—7pm) Weekends

Please find the attached health advisory that is currently being distributed on-campus.

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# **HEALTH ADVISORY: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS 2019 (Covid-19)**

[STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY]



# WHAT IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (Covid-19)?

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). A novel coronavirus 2019 (Covid-19) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans. Coronaviruses are transmitted between animals and people.

### **PREVENTION**



Wash your hands regularly



Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms



Cover your nose & mouth while coughing / sneezing



Avoid raw / undercooked meat



Avoid contact with live animals

#### **SYMPTOMS**









If you experience any of the symptoms listed above, stay at home, and seek medical attention immediately.

#### **#APUCARES**



Disposable Face Masks are available at Student Services Reception, Level 3



Hand Sanitizers are available at all Service Counters

#### TRAVEL ADVICE

Students who have recently travelled and returned from China are required to undergo home surveillance period of 14 days before returning to APU. If you have plans to travel to China or any affected countries, we advise you to delay your trips.

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PLEASE KEEP YOURSELVES SAFE, AND ALSO WORK TOGETHER WITH US TO SAFEGUARD THE WELLBEING OF THE ENTIRE APU/APIIT COMMUNITY.

Source: World Health Organization (WHO)