

## **HEALTH ADVISORY: NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (NCOV) OUTBREAK**

Further to our advisory published on 26th January 2020 at APSpace & APU Social media channels, we would like to provide further updates on the on-going situation with the NCoV.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has just declared that the Novel Coronavirus (NCoV) is now a global health emergency. Measures announced by APU in our previous advisory are in line WHO's declaration in relation to interaction with affected countries such as China. Specifically, all APU students who are presently in China have been advised to refrain from traveling to Malaysia until such time that the situation is normalised. Students who returned from China after 10th January 2020 are also advised to undergo self-quarantine for 14 days, and are required to declare their health status via the Health Declaration Forms.

At the same time, in a latest Press Release issued on 31st January 2020, the Ministry of Education (MOE) has announced a **postponement of course commencement dates for new students originating from Wuhan City & Hubei Province until further notice**. MOE's latest circular also advises all students from China to undergo a compulsory health screening process at the airport and to be placed under home surveillance for 14 days.

We are still closely monitoring the current situation involving the Novel Coronavirus. In addition to all precautionary measures, it is also advised that all staff & students should be wary of fake news that are being circulated on social media channels and the internet; do verify the sources of information and only visit official websites to obtain the latest updates about the virus, such as the <a href="World Health">World Health</a> Organization (WHO) website & the <a href="Ministry of Health">Ministry of Health</a> (MOH) website.

Do refrain from creating / spreading fake news without verifying the sources, as this will lead to legal action by the authorities.

We will continue to monitor national & international-level actions and will continue to issue advisories should there be any updates related to this disease.

Brief information of the nCoV, precautionary measures and symptoms are available below:



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[STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY]



### WHAT IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

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 (nCoV) is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans. Coronaviruses are transmitted between animals and people.

#### **PREVENTION**





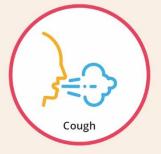






#### **SYMPTOMS**









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

#### **#APUCARES**

- All students who have returned from China after 10th January 2020 are required to sign the Health Declaration and are advised to undergo a 14 days self-quarantine period.
- A stock of disposable face masks are available for students & staff at Student Services Reception, Level 3, APU.
- Hand sanitizers have been placed at Service Counters including Student Services, Administration & Finance.
- If you have any queries with regards to the Novel Coronavirus, you may contact us at the following e-mails and hotlines.

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

General Enquiries: info@apu.edu.my Health and Safety Matters: 03-8996 1000

Emergency Hotline: 017-238-1300 (7PM – 7AM) All Days

017-379-1700 (7AM - 7PM) Weekend

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