

## Ubon Ratchathani University Announcement Subject: Measures and Surveillance of the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) (No. 1)

In regard to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (2019-nCOV) which originated in Wuhan city, China PRC, and its spread to Thailand and other parts of the world, Ubon Ratchathani University is greatly concerned with the situation. The transmission of this disease can happen easily through breathing and contact with fluid discharged from the coughing and sneezing of infected persons. The transmission can exist two to three days before the infected persons show any symptoms. The Coronavirus disease has caused severe infections and fatalities.

To prevent the spread of the Coronavirus disease and to comply with the announcement made by the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation dated 25 January 2020, Ubon Ratchathani University hereby sets forth the following measures and surveillance of the Coronavirus outbreak:

- 1. Chinese students who returned to China during the Chinese New Year and have not yet returned to Thailand are requested to extend their stay in China for at least two more weeks. The respective faculties and college are to communicate with those students regarding the appropriate arrangements to be made for the situation. The respective faculties and college are to provide students with make-up classes after their return, or they can teach students online.
- 2. The respective faculties and college are to request Chinese students who reside in Thailand but did not return to China within the past two weeks to restrict physical contact with those who have been to and returned from China in order to prevent the risk of infection.
- 3. Students or staff who returned from China after 17 January 2020 are requested to take leave from class and work for two weeks from the date of arrival in Thailand. They are also requested to report their names, phone numbers and addresses to the faculties, offices or university bodies in which they are affiliated with. The respective faculties, offices and university bodies are responsible for submitting the information to Ubon Ratchathani University's Hospital. The respective faculties, offices and university bodies are to also closely monitor the students and staff who have returned from China.
- 4. Students who have a fever or respiratory problems must inform their immediate superiors. They are not encouraged to self-recover and should go see a doctor at the hospital for the appropriate care to prevent the spread of the disease.
- 5. In the case that the students and staff need to travel to China, they are requested to refrain from travelling, but if the travel is inevitable, they are suggested to avoid crowded areas, maintain distance from those with unwell symptoms such as coughing and sneezing, wear a mask in public places, avoid going to markets selling fresh meats and produce, and wash hands regularly with soap and water or alcohol gel.

- 6. The respective faculties, offices and university bodies are to review and postpone any activities with a large number of students gathering and with possible international student attendees during this time period.
- 7. The respective faculties, offices and university bodies are to report information or any suspicious activities or situations to the university. They are to submit the information to Ubon Ratchathani University's Hospital, College of Medicine and Public Health. Contact can be made via the hospital main line at 045-353910, the internal number 3910 or 7021, the fax number 045-353901, or directly through the Head of the Nursing Unit and Medical Service Section at 061-4597932.
- 8. The university will closely monitor the situation, and may request the necessary cooperation from the relevant university bodies, staff and students to prevent the spread of the disease.

Students and staff can stay up to date about the spread of the disease from the Department of Disease Control's website: http://ddc.moph.go.th

Please kindly take the necessary precautions and follow the announced guidelines until further notice.

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