



**Ubon Ratchathani University Announcement**  
**Subject: Preventive Measures for the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Outbreak**  
**(No. 5)**

With the situation of Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) disease outbreak being likely to become more severe, widespread, and persistent, Ubon Ratchathani University is preparing to deal with the situation in order to be able to prevent, inhibit, and lessen the impacts of the outbreak, to reduce the panic of the people in society, and to create public confidence, with co-operations from all sectors. Moreover, the university is acting in compliance with the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation's protective measures and surveillance of the Coronavirus 2019 or COVID-19 outbreak (No. 3) regarding university operations to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease dated 17 March 2020, and in adherence with the resolution of the 4/2020 (special meeting agenda) university administrative board meeting dated 17 March 2020. Therefore, the university hereby sets forth the following additional preventive measures for the new Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak:

**1. Teaching and learning arrangement for Academic Year 2019**

**1.1 The teaching and learning arrangement outside of the academic calendar for the second semester of the Academic Year 2019**

The respective faculties and college are to change from all normal modes of teaching and learning to online modes. Exceptions are given to study programs that require practice such as laboratory or field practice in which the exception depends on the consideration of the respective deans. However, such learning and practice should be implemented at home as much as possible. Deans of the respective faculties and college are held responsible for the management of such programs.

**1.2 The teaching and learning arrangement for the summer semester of the Academic Year 2019**

The respective faculties and college should consider offering only courses that are required for students to graduate in Academic Year 2019 or mandatory pre-requisite courses. Teaching and learning of the said courses should all be conducted online.

**1.3 Online course evaluation and measurement**

The evaluation and measurement of the courses should be effectively and appropriately adjusted to align with online teaching.

**1.4 All forms of internships**

Deans of the respective faculties and college are authorized to adjust the time period of the internships or adopt other appropriate internship activities, or they are to specify alternative equivalent teaching and learning substitutes for the internships. The deans are to consider the risk factors related to the establishments, students, and parents as deemed appropriate and to prioritize the students' safety.

In the event that it is impossible to adjust the time period for the internships or adopt other appropriate activities, the respective deans are to inform students to strictly adhere to the guidelines for surveillance and prevention of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) disease according to the standards set forth by the university and the Ministry of Health. The respective faculties and college are to cooperate with the establishments to specify the best protective and safety measures for students during the internships. If students find that there is risk of infection during their internships, they can inform the faculties or college to cancel the internships. Then, the faculties and college are to follow the procedures specified in 1.4.

## **2. Teaching and learning arrangements for the first semester of Academic Year 2020**

2.1 As for preparatory programs related to academic or on-campus living matters for new university students entering in the first semester of Academic Year 2020, the existing format for the programs are to be adjusted accordingly with the outbreak situation.

2.2 The respective faculties and college are to prepare for online teaching management for all courses for the first semester of Academic Year 2020. They are to prepare and review the online teaching and learning system so that it is ready for use at the start of the semester.

## **3. Activities and projects other than teaching and learning**

3.1 The university, faculties, offices, college, and/or other university bodies are to consider cancelling or postponing any projects or activities at risk or with a large number of attendees. If there is a substantial reason or necessity making it impossible to cancel or postpone the activities or projects, the project or activity organizers are to enact the preventive measure plan for the novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) disease and obtain approval from the university's president before its official implementation.

3.2 All meetings should be considered to be held online.

3.3 The Office of Computer and Networking is the main university body to provide a digital system for supporting online teaching, learning, meetings, and other activities.

Henceforth, students and staff must strictly conform to the specified guidelines and surveillance of the novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak as announced by the Ministry of Public Health.

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

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