

Notification of Mae Fah Luang University Operational Guidelines for Academic Year 2020

According to the Protective Measures Against the Spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

According to the severe Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, Mae Fah Luang University has constantly announced several notifications and measures with the objective to protect and ensure the safety of all students and staff members.

In accordance with the current COVID-19 situation, the notification of Chiang Rai Communicable Disease Committee on measures for people traveling from risk areas to Chiang Rai No. 15 and No. 18 issued on 2 May 2020 and 20 May 2020 respectively and the Ministry of Public Health's guidelines for monitoring the spread of COVID-19 issued on 20 May 2020, Mae Fah Luang University hereby invokes the authority under Article 26 of the Mae Fah Luang University Act B.E. 2541 and declares the operational guidelines for academic year 2020 to ensure the smooth and safe teaching and learning process as follows:

- 1. Mae Fah Luang University shall start the first semester of academic year 2020 on 24 August 2020 by following the social distancing policy and the guidelines of the Ministry of Public Health until further notice regarding the closure of educational institutions from the government.
 - 1.1 All students, faculty and staff members who has domiciled or stayed in Bangkok, Phuket, Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and Songkhla Provinces for more than one day must report to the disease control officer in the area of residence (the designated communicable diseases officers or subdistrict headman, village headman and public health officer) upon the arrival at Chiang Rai province. Also, the said students, faculty and staff members must strictly comply with the 14-day home quarantine.
 - 1.2 If students, faculty and staff members come from Bangkok but do not have a domicile history as described in Article 1.1, they are not required to report to the disease control officer in the area of residence. But, the said students, faculty and staff members must do self-quarantine and observe any COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days.
 - 1.3 All students, faculty and staff members who come from Phuket province must report at the Wiang Indra Riverside Resort and are subjected to 14-day local quarantine.

- 2. Lecturers are required to apply Blended Learning Model to their teaching and assessment methods for academic year 2020. The guidelines for teaching and learning are as follows:
 - 2.1 The teaching of theory shall be conducted via online platforms. Lecturers shall inform the students of online platforms and procedures before the starting of the first semester.
 - 2.2 The classroom-based activities or discussion shall be conducted with social distancing measures.
 - 2.3 The laboratories shall be conducted with social distancing measures.
 - 2.4 Course assessment can be in-class examination, arranged by the Division of Registrar, with social distancing measures. Other means of assessment can also be conducted as appropriate.

Lecturers shall determine the appropriate combination of face-to-face instruction and online teaching by complying with the teaching standard and the assessment stated in the programme specifications and inform the students.

- 3. The University shall implement the preventive and protective measures as follows:
 - 3.1 Class sizes shall be significantly reduced with social distancing and different time slots measures.
 - 3.2 Mass gatherings are not allowed to be held. The activities shall be conducted online or via other platforms.
 - 3.3 All students, faculty and staff members must always wear protective masks.
 - 3.4 The University shall regularly disinfect all areas and provide an easy-to-access hand sanitizing station.
 - 3.5 The University will limit the number of students and staff members in the common areas such as canteens, a library, shops and a sport complex according to social distancing policy.

The President of Mae Fah Luang University or the designated representative of the President shall have the power to decide any issues in relation to or arising from this Notification and such decision shall be final and binding.

Please be informed and comply with this Notification accordingly.

Announced on the 29 day of May 2020

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