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## 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

May this letter reach you while you are in the best of Iman and health by the Grace of Allah SWT.

As you know, since December 2019, the world is being hit by a global outbreak of acute respiratory infection caused by a novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), originated from Wuhan, the capital of Hubei province, China. In January 2020, the World Health Organization had taken a stand to declare this situation as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Until 6th February 2020, over 28 000 confirmed-cases were reported globally with at least 560 fatalities. The threat is growing at an abnormal magnitude as more and more new cases being discovered and the situation is yet to show any signs of resolution.

We are committed to safe guard the well being of IIUM community and is closely monitoring the current situation, globally and locally. IIUM communities are encouraged to take precautionary measures to reduce the risk of 2019-nCoV transmission by adhering to the followings:

- 1) Avoid being in close contact with people who have symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath;
- 2) Always maintain good personal hygiene (adhere to a proper hand hygiene, good cough etiquette and wear suitable face mask);
- 3) Visit the IIUM Health and Wellness Centre (Gombak & Gambang), IIUM Family Health Clinic or IIUM Medical Centre (Kuantan) or the nearest healthcare centre for immediate medical attention if you are happens to develop any fever, cough and difficulty in breathing;
- 4) Strictly follow the standard procedures as per directive from Malaysian Ministry of Health for those who is returning from 2019-nCoV affected countries.

Staff and students are also recommended to postpone any visit to the affected countries, avoid going to crowded places or visit to any of the affected localities. Activities or attachments at high-risk locations including the hospitals designated to treat 2019-nCoV cases, participation of overseas conference or seminars conducted within the affected countries should be avoided at the current moment until further notice.

Please be reminded that dissemination of false information, unverified or fake news in social media with regards to 2019-nCoV are strictly prohibited as it violates Section 233 Communications and Multimedia Act (CMA) 1998.





IIUM is working very hard to execute proactive measures in breaking the chain of 2019-nCoV transmission among our staff and students. Your support and commitment with regards to this matter is highly appreciated. May Allah SWT protect us from any harm and bless us with good health.

Thank You. Wassalam

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