## URGENT

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Office of the Private Education Commission Office of the Permanent Secretary for Education Bangkok. 10300

## 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Subject: The Protective Measures for the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19)

To:

The Private School Licensees

Refer:

The letter of the Office of the Private Education Commission urgent MOE 0211.6/2847

Dated 24th February 2020

Attachment: Announcement of the Ministry of Education on the Control and Protective

Measures for the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19)

dated 28th February 2020

Refer to the letter of the Office of the Private Education Commission (OPEC) announcing the Protective Measures of the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19) as above mentioned.

The Ministry of Education has announced Control and Protective Measures of the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19) dated 28th February 2020, which is no.11 assign to the Office of the Private Education Commission to implement administrative measures for teachers, educational personnel and students as OPEC take responsibility. Therefore, to comply with the attached announcement. The Office of the Private Education Commission has assigned the additional Control and Protective Measures of the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19) as follows:

1. All private schools shall comply strictly with the Control and Protective Measures of the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19) as stated in the referred letter except indicated in no.3 list of countries and administrative regions at risk must comply with the announcement of the Ministry of Public Health.

- 2. All private schools have to postpone the approvement or permission for teachers, educational personnel and students to travel for training, conferences, seminars, study visit, study and international on practice research as well as the personal mission operations in the countries and administrative regions at risk as indicated in the announcement of the Ministry of Public Health.
- 3. In case of the travel has been approved or allowed to the countries and administrative regions at risk before the issuance of this letter, trip cancellation and postponement will be required until the Ministry of Public Health's announcement the list of countries and administrative regions at risk cancellation. In case of emergency travelling to the countries and administrative regions at risk, must be approved by the Secretary General of the Private Education Commission individual.
- 4. Teachers, educational personnel, students, and those who come in close contact with the people who have travelled or transit or return from countries at risk as the announcement of the Ministry of Public Health, upon returning to Thailand, they shall;
- 4.1 Visit a doctor for screening and monitoring Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-2019) at the hospital and self quarantine for 14 days which is not to be counted as leave and report to the supervisor by email, LINE, or other communication channels, as agreed on a daily basis until the situation is resolved.

For students, report to the teachers via email or Line is mandatory. Teachers have to collect information and report to the school administrators. The school must provide additional lessons to make up for the absent period.

- 4.2 During self quarantine for 14 days, check yourself and wear a mask.
  If there is a fever or respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore throat, runny nose, difficulty breathing, or touching a suspect patient. The person needs to consult a medical specialist in the hospital.
- 5. If a person from countries or regions at risk, as announced by the Ministry of Health into the school. The school must follow the announcement of the Ministry of Health regulations. (Information can be found at www.ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/intro.php)
- 6. Postpone inviting people from abroad to attend a meeting, seminar, or any action until the Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19) is resolved. In the case of necessity, reasons and anti-infection measures must be provided to the Office the private Education Commission for consideration and approval.

7. All private schools should constantly and consistently clean the whole school and keep everyone up to date with appropriate anti-infection precautions of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19). If teachers, educators, and students are ill. School should be closed for special reasons according to the powers and obligations immediately and report to the Office of the Private Education Commission as soon as possible.

- 8. All private schools must provide enough alcohol gel in the service point for the teachers, educational personnel, students, and visitors.
- 9. All private schools where the final exam has been completed, the end of the semester must be announced and no further activities should be commenced. The result of the exam shall be announced via online platform.

10. In case of ignorant, negligent, concealed of information and not comply with government regulations as announced by the Ministry of Public Health, the responsibility lies with the school licensees, directors or administrators. Punishment shall be applied according to the law.

Please be informed and proceed accordingly

Your sincerely

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