



Announcement of Mahidol University

On

The Opening of Mahidol University Premises under the Announcements on Adjusting the Integrative Measures to Prevent and Control the Outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

Reference is made to the release of the Announcement on the Measures to Prevent and Monitor the Outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MHESI) (No. 18) dated the 1st September 2021, the Official Letter of MHESI on Guidelines and Criteria for the Opening of Higher Education Institutions dated the 7th September 2021, the Announcement on the Relaxation of the Integrative Measures to Prevent and Control the Outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) of Nakhon Pathom Province (No. 86/2564) dated the 16th October 2021 and the Measures for the Opening of Educational Premises for Academic Activities in Putthamonthon District, dated the 14th October 2021.

In accordance with the considerations made by the MHESI and Nakhon Pathom Province regarding the situation of the outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) and the re-adjustment of certain measures to prevent and control the outbreak in the area, Mahidol University would like to inform all faculties/colleges and institutes as follows:

- 1) Faculties/colleges/institutes in all campuses and the Office of the President are authorized to open the buildings and premises for the use of all academic activities, teaching and learning, examinations, academic trainings, and other functions. All faculties/colleges/institutes and units in the Office of the President are to observe measures to prevent the outbreak of the COVID-19 issued by the MHESI and the Ministry of Public Health, such as setting up screening points, adopting social distancing in classrooms, avoiding activities with a large crowd and utilizing other environmental health measures on-site, and so on. The self-evaluation using the Thai Stop COVID+ is also to be filled out by all units.

As for faculties/colleges/institutes in Salaya Campus and the Office of the President, a formal letter requesting for a permission is to be submitted to Putthamonthon District Office at least 14 working days in advance. The following documents are to be submitted along with the letter:

- 1.1 Measures to Prevent and Control the Outbreak of the Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19);
 - 1.2 Workplace operational plan for infected case management; and
 - 1.3 Intitutional/student, and staff data
- 2) All faculties/colleges/institutes in Phyathai and Bangkok Noi campuses planning to open buildings and premises for the use of all academic activities, teaching and learning, examinations, academic trainings, and other functions are to secure Rapid Antigen Test Kits (ATK) and perform screening tests on students and staff in accordance with the MHESI Guidelines and Criteria for the Opening of Higher Education Institutions dated the 7th September 2021. Faculties/colleges/institutes are advised to monitor the updates of the guidelines and criteria from the MHESI regularly.
- 3) All faculties/colleges/institutes in Salaya, Kanchanaburi, Nakhon Sawan and Amnat Charoen campuses planning to open buildings and premises for the use of all academic activities, teaching and learning, examinations, academic trainings, and other functions are to secure Rapid Antigen Test Kits (ATK) and perform screening tests on students and staff in accordance with guidelines from their respective provincial or local authorities. Faculties/colleges/institutes in Salaya campus are to perform screening tests on all entrants starting from the first day of the premise opening. The screening tests are to be randomly performed on approximately 5 percent of staff and students entering the premises in subsequent weeks.
- 4) Provided that any faculties/colleges/institutions are not ready to organize academic activities on-site, all academic activities can still be implemented online with reference to Mahidol University's Guideline for Undergraduate Teaching and Learning (Academic Year 2564) dated the 23rd June 2021.

This announcement enters into effect from the 1st November 2021 onwards until further notice.

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