

Thammasat University Notification on Measures and Recommendations on the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus (COVID-19) (NO. 37)

With reference to Thammasat University Notification on Measures and Recommendations on the Prevention and Control of Coronavirus (COVID-19) No. 35, and the Prime Minister's announcement on 14 December 2021, under the authority of Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (No.40) and the announcement on 8 January 2022, under the authority of Section 9 of the Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situations B.E. 2548 (No.41),

In order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) among Thammasat students and staff, as well as to maintain efficient operations of the university, Thammasat University hereby issues the following measures:

1. All campuses of Thammasat University, including Tha Prachan, Rangsit, Lampang, and Pattaya, will resume normal operations effective 1 February 2022 onwards.

2. After resuming normal operations, the responsible Vice Rector in charge of university premises and unit heads shall continue to monitor the situation to ensure that the prevention and control measures of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are strictly and consistently complied with. Precaution measures in all aspects will also be implemented in order to prevent and reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Accessing the premises of the university campuses, conducting student coordination, performing university operations requiring staff to work on-site, and preparing classroom/facilities will be subject to the discretion of unit heads or the responsible Vice Rector. Preventive measures of temperature measurement, wearing masks, and maintaining proper social distancing are required while entering their responsible premises.

Outsiders who need to enter the premises of Thammasat University should contact the relevant office in advance.

3. Teaching and assessment of student learning will be conducted in accordance with Thammasat University Notification on Guidelines for Semester 2/2021, dated 12 November 2021. However, the guidelines are subject to change if the situation becomes more severe. Student activities related to academic affairs or student development programs shall be implemented according to the guidelines issued by the Office of Student Affairs.

4. When organizing events both on and off-campus, relevant units must consider the necessity of organizing such an event.

If it is necessary to organize events within the university premises, an organizer must request approval from the responsible Vice Rector, Deans or relevant university units and the following COVID-19 prevention measures must be implemented:

- (1) Event participants must have received the second dose of the vaccine at least 14 days prior and in accordance with government requirements.
- (2) Event participants must undergo a Covid-19 screening process to further evaluate risk prior to attending activities.

If assessed as having the risk of Covid-19 infection, an ATK test will be required. If the test is positive, a report must be made to the responsible Vice Rector, the unit heads, or the organizer in order to coordinate with relevant units.

5. Responsible Vice Rectors and unit heads may determine staff work patterns of their work units by implementing either Work-On-Site or Work-From-Home arrangements, as deemed appropriate. The arrangement of alternative work schedules, subject to the nature of work and the need of onsite jobs, may include a request to refrain from working, staggering working hours, adjusting shift rotations, and work rotation. These measures, subject to change due to the severity of the situation, are to be aimed at reducing congestion in workplace settings and to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

University staff and Thammasat students scheduled to travel abroad shall consider the necessity of travelling or postpone their travel plans until the COVID-19 situation improves. If such travel is essential, those university staff and students must adopt strict precautions and preventive measures and undergo the health screening process through the immigration procedure upon completion of travel.

6. The operations of schools situated on the premises of the Thammasat University Rangsit campus shall comply with the announcements of relevant government agencies. The Vice Rector supervising Rangsit Campus may determine any further measures deemed appropriate.

7. All academic and support staff and students shall strictly follow and comply with the measures issued by the Thai government as well as those of local authorities, the university, and university units.

This announcement shall be effective from 1 February 2022 unless otherwise announced.

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