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RELEASE COMMUNICATION TO ALL UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA STAFF AND STUDENTS**

THE UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA  
TMC PRECAUTION RESPONSE UPDATE # 6.  
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**IMMEDIATE PREVENTION MEASURES IN FORCE FOR ALL UNIVERSITY OF GUYANA STAFF AND STUDENTS**

**Guiding Principles**

1. The University holds sacred its direct responsibility for the wellbeing of over 11, 000 souls inclusive of all its staff and students on all its campuses around Guyana.
2. We also by virtue of being the national University hold a moral and fiscal duty to develop solutions to our nation's challenges and in our professional and personal conduct to model the best of our country and of humanity.
3. We believe that there are things about the scope and response to this particular virus which are unprecedented and yet to be fully understood; and we are committed to tracking it closely as scholars and to responding as quickly as we can to new information and situations as the people's scientists;
4. We are also determined as a community of thinkers and doers to respond with everything we have to protect our staff and students and to support the greater national and community efforts at keeping our fellow Guyanese from becoming fatally infected.
5. In this regard we are working to respond with culturally sensitive and local solutions as far as possible.
6. "UG' recognizes that the scope and scale of the possible problem if the rate of infection peaks will **require the unified, collective and focused efforts of us all. We therefore welcome the input and assistance of anyone in our University community who wishes to step forward in the effort.**
7. The University recognizes no other option but to overcome this.

**TMC DECISION**

We rely on scientific evidence emerging and based on modelling of the infection in large countries already affected, that the most effective means of managing NCV -19 is through mass containment procedures in the period of highest vulnerability, that is within 14 days of exposure. Based on this, and the fact that all schools are also closed for the next two weeks, and since many of our staff and students are parents, **we are extending the physical absence from the University of Guyana's campuses and IDCE for two weeks until March 30, 2020. Work online is to continue as far as possible.**

This extension is now applying to all staff and students, with the exceptions of those essential staff in the Registry, Bursary (preparing salaries), Maintenance and Cleaning (sanitizing ) and Security as well as personnel who will be required to work as specially guided. Another communication to them which includes the specific protocols and instructions by department is on the way to them.

#### **THOSE STAYING OFF CAMPUS MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS:**

- a) **Self isolation** - avoiding contact and public congregations
- 2) **Vigilance** - Looking for signs and symptoms in yourself and others and taking the necessary precautionary steps attached.
- 3) **Education** - Learn as much as you can about the disease and about staying safe and healthy. help others to do the same.
- 4) **Sanitization**: Continue to practice good personal hygiene and encourage others to do the same. Hand washing and other simple practices can keep you and loved ones healthy.
- 5) **Boost your immune system** to be able to fight infection though sunning yourself and personal items; adding vitamin C, B, D, E and K to your diet, and by staying calm.
- 6) **Seek Care**: **if you or a family member develop(s) any of the symptoms, you/he/she should remain at home and contact the MoPH hotline at 227-4986 ext 215 or 624-3067 for further assistance.**

**Please continue to check UG secure sources for updates. Official sources would be your UG email, WhatsApp and UG website (Not FB).**

**THE UNIVERSITY WILL NOT POST ANYTHING TO FACEBOOK IN THIS PERIOD SINCE WE WISH TO SEPARATE OUR OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM ANY FAKE NEWS CIRCULATING.**

*May we continue to be blessed and work to overcome.*