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University of Cyprus – COVID19, Measures' update – Online teaching & working remotely

Following the announcement of the University of Cyprus, dated 10 March 2020 and the recent decisions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, dated 16 March 2020 the University of Cyprus informs the university community and the society at large regarding the following measures that are in place:

1. Suspension of classes at the University of Cyprus facilities starting from March 11, 2020 to 10 April 2020. The University of Cyprus is strategically oriented towards online teaching as a response to the crisis. UCY is in a position to utilize its web - information applications to enrich the learning experience and respond to the challenges ahead. Online courses will start from 18 March 2020 at the same date and time as depicted at the Semester Schedule. The Vice Rector of Academic Affairs has forwarded a detailed briefing to the academic-teaching community and the students on 17 March 2020.
2. Suspension of operation of the Lito Papachristoforou Kindergarten and University of Cyprus Nursery School, as well as suspension of operation of the Musical Talent Developmental Program for the same period: 11 March 2020 – 10 April 2020. The Musical Talent Developmental Program continues to provide online courses for the age group that allow this arrangement, while the Kindergarten – Nursery communicates in a regular basis with the parents providing useful pedagogical material.
3. Suspension of operation of the Library and the Sports Center for the public and students.
4. The Administrative Services of the University of Cyprus will be operating remotely. Emergency Staff only will be present at the University Facilities.
5. To recover part of the lost teaching time, the University of Cyprus decided the shortening of the Easter Break Period from 16 April 2020 to 21 April 2020. Final arrangements for the full recovery of the teaching time and regarding the final exams will be announced shortly in the light of the new data and developments regarding the crisis. Regarding the shortening of the Easter Break Period it is understood that the courses during that period will be conducted online.

It is understood that colleagues who present with cold/flu symptoms are to self – isolate and work remotely, from home. In addition, colleagues that have returned from abroad the last 14 days must remain self-isolated at home for 14 days, a period recommended by the Ministry of Health. The relevant travel instructions are available on: <https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/en/press.html>

6. Postponement or cancelation of public lectures and events at the University of Cyprus facilities until April 30, 2020, regardless of the organizers.
7. As the international situation of countries concerning the outbreak of the coronavirus is rapidly changing, members of the academic community are urged to postpone/reschedule all their trips until 30 April 2020. For already arranged non-emergency trips, community members are strongly



encouraged to reschedule them. In case the trip is not canceled or deferred, the members of the community must follow the [travel advices](#) of the Republic of Cyprus meaning that between 18.00 on 16/3/2020 and 30/4/2020, entry to the Republic of Cyprus will only be granted to individuals who fall under specific categories, provided that, upon arrival, they are able to submit a medical certificate, issued no more than 4 days before, showing that they have been tested for coronavirus by certified medical centers. They should also know that all travelers returning to Cyprus from abroad, regardless of their country of origin, will be placed under a 14-day compulsory quarantine at accommodation facilities designated by the Republic of Cyprus.

The University of Cyprus management team monitors and reviews the developments that emerge and will constantly inform the community regarding the decisions that affect the operation of the University of Cyprus. UCY's priority is the safety and health of its community as well as the organisation's contribution for better addressing this worldwide challenge.

End of announcement
