

# Standard of Practice for All Faculties and Offices in Chulalongkorn University in Responding to Incidents of COVID-19 Infected Patients and Patients Under Investigation (PUI)

With reference to Chulalongkorn University Directive No. 1745/ 2563 on Compliance with the Resolution from the Cabinet Meeting (dated March 17, 2020), Chulalongkorn University Announcement regarding Temporary Workplace Closure as a Result of COVID -19 Infection Outbreak (dated March 21, 2020), and Chulalongkorn University Announcement on Extension of Temporary Workplace Closure as a Result of COVID-19 Infection Outbreak (dated March 27, 2020), the University has issued orders for all classes and instruction be offered online and all staff members to work remotely from home. In correspondence to the latest announcements, the following adjustments to the Standard of Practice for All Faculties and Offices in Chulalongkorn University in Responding to Incidents of COVID-19 Infected Patients and Patients Under Investigation (PUI) are required:

### A. In case a COVID-19 patient is diagnosed

- Section heads/authorized persons must immediately notify the Chairperson of Coronavirus (COVID-2019) Emergency Operation Center of Chulalongkorn University (Professor Dr. Narin Hiransuthikul) to collect the number of reported cases of COVID-19 for the Chula community, implement measures to prevent spread, and provide appropriate medical support.
- 2. Section heads / authorized persons must consider disclosing the patient's information, without violating the patient's 'rights and freedom', and avoid creating panic in the Chula community.

## B. In case a Patient Under Investigation (PUI) is confirmed

Patients at risk of COVID-19 infection can be classified into three levels:

1. No direct contact with a COVID-19 infected patient = Level 3: Low risk

2. Possible contact with a COVID-19 infected patient = Level 2: Moderate risk

3. Close/direct contact with a COVID-19 infected patient = Level 1: High risk

### Patients under investigation (PUI) refers to:

- Those with close/direct contact with a COVID-19 infected patient (Level 1) with symptoms indicative of COVID-19, such as sore throat, fever, runny nose, breathing difficulty, or no symptoms at all.
- Those with possible contact (Level 2) or no direct contact (Level 3), with symptoms indicative of COVID-19, such as sore throat, fever, runny nose, and breathing difficulty.
- In case a PUI that requires screening tests is detected, section heads/authorized persons must immediately notify the chairperson of Corona Virus (COVID-2019)
   Emergency Operation Center of Chulalongkorn University (Professor Dr. Narin Hiransuthikul) within 24 hours.
- 2. Section heads/authorized persons must then refer the PUI for screening tests and risk evaluations at the Chula Public Center at Chamchuree 9, either by QR Code registration or walk-in registration.
- 3. Section heads/authorized persons must report the result of the screening tests to the chairperson within 24 hours after the release of the test results.

  Results can be any of the following:
  - 1) Following doctor recommendations and self-quarantine for 14 days.
  - 2) Further examination for COVID-19, expecting result within 1-2 days.
  - 3) Referred to Chulalongkorn Hospital.
  - 4) Positive result. (If the result is positive, the section heads must proceed with the actions indicated in item A above.)

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