

Notice of

King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi:

The surveillance of COVID-19 outbreak

No.11 on March 23, 2021

On March 23, 2021, the University was reported by the KMUTT Health Care Unit that an undergraduate student from the Department of Electrical Technology Education, Faculty of Industrial Education and Technology had been tested positive for COVID-19. The student had a record of being infected by COVID-19 last January (the third case of KMUTT according to the University's Notice No.9) while residing in Samut Sakhon Province. After having fully recovered from COVID-19, the student had followed the COVID-19 screening procedures in order to return to the University for studies including a self-quarantine for 14 days and COVID-19 test. As the results came out negative, the University thus granted permission to the student to return to study since February 2021. This most recent COVID-19 test was re-conducted for the student despite showing no COVID-19 symptoms.

According to the timeline investigation, the student stayed alone at the apartment located in Soi Phutthabucha 4 from March 8-23, 2021. During that time, the student regularly visited a market in Soi Phutthabucha 9. After returning to the University, the student accessed only 3 areas in the university as follows:

1. Department of Electrical Technology Education, Faculty of Industrial Education and Technology, Classroom Building 3 (CB3)
2. Gymnasium, 3rd floor of King Mongkut's Memorial Building
3. King Mongkut's Food Center (main canteen), King Mongkut's Memorial Building

After the KMUTT Health Care Unit received the student's COVID-19 test results, the University then coordinated with the Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health and the following actions were taken according to the public health authorities' standards:

1. An ambulance was sent to pick up the student at the apartment and the student was admitted to the hospital at 11.00 hrs.
2. The Department of Disease Control, Ministry of Public Health is closely coordinating with the University to conduct a disease investigation according to the public health authorities' disease control measures. This includes identifying High-Risk Close Contacts (PUI: Patient Under Investigation) which had received a COVID-19 test and currently undergo a self-quarantine for 14 days in line with the government's measures.

3. The University has announced the closure the following premises: the building of the Faculty of Industrial Education and Technology, King Mongkut's Food Center (main canteen), gymnasium and King Mongkut's Memorial Building from March 23 – 28, 2021 for deep cleaning and disinfection according to the public health authorities' standards. This operation shall be under the responsibility of the Office of Building and Ground Management.

4. The University has given order that all related units shall investigate and identify people whom the infected student might be in close contact with such as classmates and students whom the infected student did activities with. Even if being considered as a Low-Risk Close Contacts, those people must undergo self-quarantine to monitor their symptoms for at least 14 days. The Department/Office shall submit the name list to the Welfare and Coordination Unit of the COVID-19 Emergency Operation and Assistance Center of King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT COVID-19 Center). The self-quarantine will not be considered as absence from class or work and will not be counted as leave days. Should any symptoms of illness such as fever, dry cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath have developed, please urgently contact the Welfare and Coordination Unit of KMUTT COVID-19 Center.

The University strictly followed the procedures of COVID-19 surveillance measures as announced in the Announcement of the COVID-19 Emergency Operation Assistance Center No.1/2021 after the COVID-19 case was reported.

5. In case that students or staff have done a self-assessment and may be considered as a high-risk of being exposed to COVID-19, please contact your faculty or office and undergo self-quarantine for 14 days to monitor your symptoms. Should any symptoms of illness have developed, please urgently contact the Welfare and Coordination Unit of KMUTT COVID-19 Center.

The University is highly concerned about the current situation and urges all students and staff to strictly comply with the preventive measures and avoid going to risk areas, crowded places such as markets. In case that you or people who are suspected to have a high risk of being exposed to COVID-19, please help report to the University at <http://bit.ly/Wereport>. This will help the University to coordinate with the related person/offices such as the management of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) insurance coverage.

Should there be any update on the situation, the University will further announce the update via <https://covid-19.kmutt.ac.th/>