



**DIRECTIVE ON THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
REGARDING THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19  
TO THE COMMUNITY OF UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA**

Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) is truly concerned with the safety and well-being of the USM community members with regard to the outbreak of the COVID -19 around the world. In relation to that, by referring to the decision of the Universiti Sains Malaysia Management Committee (JKPU) dated 11 March 2020, the USM authorities therefore would be enforcing these directives:

1. Restriction for all staff and students of USM to travel abroad, whether on official or non-official matters.
2. Restriction on any activity/seminar/workshop/gathering if involving the participation and/or external guests out of USM.
3. Any internal activity or programme at USM such as seminar /workshop/official gathering to be held on Campus and involving more than (30) people need to abide by the COVID-19 Screening Guidelines (SOP). The Guidelines (SOP) can be obtained from Pusat Sejahtera USM/USM Hospital (please refer to attachment I )
4. Any USM community member who **recently returned** from high-risk countries such as **China, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran and Denmark (the list of high-risk countries would be updated from time to time)** or **has been instructed to undergo *home surveillance procedures* by KKM for 14 days** from the date of returning to Malaysia, need to seek immediate treatment at a nearby Government Hospital if there are symptoms such as:
  - a. Fever;
  - b. Breathing Difficulties;
  - c. Cough;
  - d. Sore Throat

5. Non-resident visitors coming from high-risk countries such as **China, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran and Denmark (the list of high-risk countries would be updated from time to time)** are required to undergo ***mandatory home surveillance*** procedures for **14 days** from the date of arrival in Malaysia and to seek immediate treatment at any Government Hospital, especially if there are signs or symptoms mentioned earlier at own expense.
6. For non-resident students who have returned from high-risk countries such as **China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Korea, Japan, Italy, Iran and Denmark (the list of high-risk countries would be updated from time to time)**, health screening would continue, as stated in the procedure already implemented to students from China previously.
7. Any staff or student who is directed by Pusat Sejahtera/Hospital USM/KKM to undergo **home surveillance** need to report **via telephone** to the **Operations Room at Pusat Sejahtera 04-6534948 (office hours)** or the **USM Hospital hotline 09-7673520/3232** for the purpose of record-keeping and dissemination of information regarding the **Procedure of Self-Health Assessment**. The respective USM community member is required to **notify their own departments and for the information to be filed in the Head of Department's record**.
8. Any staff who is confirmed in showing the signs need to **undergo home surveillance** and is allowed to ***work from home*** within the surveillance period of **14 days**.
9. **Pusat Sejahtera [Main Campus], Unit Kesihatan [Engineering Campus], Klinik Warga [Health Campus] and IPPT** would issue a **Health Approval Certificate** to the USM community members who have **completed** the required home surveillance period of **14 days** and are allowed to undergo daily activities as usual.

10. The USM community is advised to constantly practise total hygiene care to reduce the risk of transmission. Do seek immediate treatment at a nearby Public Hospital if **you** or **your family members** show initial signs of possible infection. Do notify the doctor in charge of your travel history to ensure early detection of initial transmission of COVID-19. Apart from that, the USM community is requested to be aware of the latest announcement and to immediately notify the Operations Room at Pusat Sejahtera/ USM Hospital of any individual showing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 who shows refusal to report as directed.

11. This directive **takes effect on 16 March 2020** until further notice.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

**Vice-Chancellor  
Universiti Sains Malaysia  
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