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

Following the announcement of the University of Cyprus, dated 17 March 2020 and the recent decisions of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, the University of Cyprus informs the university community and the society in general regarding the following measures that are in place:

1. Suspension of classes at the University of Cyprus facilities starting from March 11, 2020 until the end of the lecturing period. 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 have started on 18 March 2020. The Vice Rector of Academic Affairs has forwarded a detailed briefing to the academic-teaching community and the students regarding the period of lecture delivery as well as the exams' methodology.
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 – 30 April 2020. The Musical Talent Developmental Program continues to provide online courses for the age groups 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 until 30 April 2020.

It is understood that colleagues with cold/flu symptoms are to self – isolate and work remotely, from home. In addition, colleagues who 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.

5. Postponement or cancelation of public lectures and events at the University of Cyprus facilities until May 31, 2020, regardless of the organizers.
6. The university community is urged to follow the guidelines of the Republic of Cyprus regarding the pandemic <https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/en/index.html>.

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