



**UUM CORPORATE COMMUNICATION  
UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA**

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**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION**

**ENFORCEMENT OF MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER  
BEGINNING FROM 18 MARCH TILL 31 MARCH 2020**

The enforcement of the **Movement Control Order** is in reference to the guideline published by the Department of Higher Education Malaysia, in its effort to facilitate the control of the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. It is also in response to the recent special announcement made by the Prime Minister with regard to the enforcement of the Movement Control Order that is in effect nationwide from 18 till 31 March 2020. The said order is primarily to minimise individual social contact that can lead to further outbreak of the pandemic.

**UUM OPERATION SHUTDOWN**

**FIRST** – The specially convened University Management Committee (JPU) meeting No. 2/2020 that was held on 17 March 2020 (Tuesday) has agreed that both the **UUM Sintok** and **UUMKL** campuses will be **CLOSED** from **18 till 31 March 2020**;

**SECOND** – Throughout the enforcement period, non-attendance by academic and administrative staff to the office will be automatically recorded as ‘Movement Control Order (Infectious Disease) Leave’, as stipulated in the Movement Control Order under the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Act 1988 and Police Act 1967;

**THIRD** – The University’s Security Department will be operating as normal, with full complement of staff, under the supervision of the Director of the Department, in line with the guidelines stipulated by the Ministry of Health Malaysia (KKM);

**FOURTH** – The University Health Centre (PKU), the Development and Maintenance Department (JPP), the Bursar, UUMIT, CIAC, Sultanah Bahiyah Library, the Student Affairs Department (HEP) and Student Residential Halls (INASIS) will be operating but with minimal staff (to be determined by respective department heads); and

**FIFTH** – All mass movements and gatherings that include religious, sports, social and cultural activities planned during the said time period must be postponed immediately. The use of or the implementation of any activity at any university facilities such as the UUM Golf Club/Course, Sports Centre and other facilities must also be postponed.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**FIRST** – Semester break for undergraduate students will be from 18 till 31 March 2020;

**SECOND** – All forms of Teaching and Learning (P&P) activities for both the undergraduates and postgraduates via online, examinations, viva, student development activities and research will **CEASE** during the stipulated period; and

**THIRD** – All forms of teaching and assessment for both the undergraduates and postgraduate programmes will be carried out via online beginning from 1 April 2020 until the end of the semester.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

**FIRST** – All UUM students are given the options to either return home to be with families or to remain on campus/INASIS;

**SECOND** – Students are responsible in taking preventive measures to safeguard from the pandemic (COVID-19). Please note that you are equally subjected to the Movement Control Order whilst staying on campus;

**THIRD** – To those students who opt to remain on campus during the said ‘curfew’ period, you must duly register with respective Student Residential Hall (INASIS). The offices of these INASIS will be operating the usual business hours and the same applies to the campus shuttle bus services; and

**FOURTH** – Please note that only selected cafeterias will be in operation on ‘take away’ or ‘delivery service’ modes.

### **STAFF MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE AFFAIRS**

**FIRST** – During the affected time period, the Heads of Department (PTJ) must ensure that all staff continue with their normal work routines remotely from home (**Work from Home**) in accordance with the directive by Director General of Civil Service as follows:

1. To be at home during office hours;
2. To be on constant alert to receive instruction from the Head Department to report for duty at the office or other stipulated sites; and
3. To ensure that the staff is reachable during office hours.

Disciplinary action can be taken against staff that fail to abide by the stipulated rulings except to those who have received prior approvals from respective department heads;

**SECOND** - Staff that are categorised as performing critical tasks **MUST** report for duty as instructed by respective head departments;

**THIRD** – In line with the Irsyad Al-Fatwa directive issued by the Kedah State Mufti Department, the 20 and 27 March 2020, Friday prayers at both the Sultan Badlishah Mosque and Imam As-Syafi’l Mosque at Bukit Kachi, will be replaced with Dzuhur prayers at home instead. Only the Imams and Muadzzins on duty are allowed to be at the mosque to perform the prayers without disregarding the cleanliness of the prayer areas and personal safety;

**FOURTH** – All staff are duly advised **NOT** to keep valuables at the office and to ensure that personal belongings are properly stored throughout the stipulated period of UUM shutdown; and

**FIFTH** – All Malaysian nationalities are **NOT ALLOWED** to travel overseas and to those returning from abroad **MUST** undergo clinical health inspections at any government hospitals/health centres. They must also undertake voluntary self-quarantine for a period of 14 days as required by the Health Ministry Malaysia.

**Note:** All UUM denizens are required to abide by the directive and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health Malaysia and University Health Centre in confronting the pandemic.

During the duration of the Movement Control Order, staff and students who have enquiries may contact:

- **Hotline – Security Department**  
**04-9283333 / 2416**
- **Hotline – University Health Centre**  
**013-593 0028**

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