



# **OBAFEMI AWOLOWO UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE, NIGERIA**

## **SPECIAL RELEASE**

### **THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

In the last few weeks, the relatively unknown Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) has become a world-wide scourge, attracting tremendous international concern. It has threatened the public health and safety of millions of individuals and has adversely affected the global economy.

Our campus has a large population with thousands of students, staff, and others that socially and physically interact daily with one another. Therefore, it is incumbent on us to identify key priorities, and design measures that can be utilized by staff and students to keep the OAU community informed, safe and protected.

#### **THE UNIVERSITY WILL:**

- (1) Partner with experts, the Local Government, Osun State and the Federal Government agencies to obtain, at all times, the most current information and best practices.
- (2) Develop and upgrade emergency operation plans (based on emerging information and knowledge), not minding the fact that there is currently no confirmed case of COVID-19 on our campus.
- (3) Work with the OAU COVID-19 Emergency Response Team to activate local and national protocols in case of any emergencies.
- (4) Monitor every new visitor to the campus, particularly those who may have had contact with those countries regarded as the hotbed of the disease.
- (5) Pay adequate attention to general cleanliness of the environment, including the supply of water, hand washing facilities and hand sanitizers in the washrooms and other strategic places on campus.

#### **CONSEQUENTLY, STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE TO:**

- (1) Practice and promote basic hygiene, and wash their hands frequently and/or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- (2) Avoid large social gatherings of people, and maintain at least 1 meter distance from anyone who has symptoms of flu (cough, sneeze, running nose and breathing difficulty).
- (3) Put on hold all Excursions, Field trips and similar activities until further notice.
- (4) Put on hold all University-related international and personal travels, and all non-essential domestic air travels.
- (5) Inform the University upon return from a foreign travel and self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days. Such persons should call **09035699725/0803320028**, especially if they feel sick.
- (6) Avoid events that attract Speakers from outside the University, be they national or international. Such events should be cancelled, postponed, or conducted on-line.
- (7) Suspend until further notice, social gatherings that include wedding & reception parties, inaugural lectures, processions, conferences, workshops, concerts, revivals, crusades, and competitive sporting events with effect from Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.
- (8) Submit for screening for fevers at lecture venues and public buildings, should the need arise.
- (9) Contact the Health Centre and other designated outlets on **09035699725 / 0803320028** if symptoms of cough, fever and chest pain/breathing difficulties are experienced.
- (10) Look out for all information provided on the University website and all other platforms as the situation unfolds.

The University will remain open and operational with appropriate measures to protect the health of our staff and students. This position will however be reviewed from time-to-time.

**Provosts/Deans/Heads of Departments/Units and the Security Department Are to Ensure Compliance**

**MANAGEMENT**