

15th July 2020

Dear members of staff and students,

I write to you to reassure you that the University of Colombo is observing all prescribed preventive measures to ensure that each and every one of you and the wider community remains safe and well.

Please be informed that we are in regular discussion with senior health authorities in the preventive sector as well as with the appropriate regional health officials via the University Medical Officer. Where necessary PCR testing is being performed.

The two members of staff who are known secondary contacts are in self isolation. Their possible close contacts on university premises are also staying away from work in a responsible manner. The administration is taking all measures to minimize staff and student movement for only the very essential academic, research and examination needs. The hostels and canteens remain functional with the requirement for our staff and students to strictly adhere to the prescribed health and safety measures.

We met with leaders of our own administrative and non-academic staff yesterday. These committed personnel pledged to reinforce on-site the best of health and safety precautions that also need to be monitored in our daily routines by forming teams.

Let us all unite as one force to ensure that our university remains safe and sound. Kindly do not panic unnecessarily by rumors of supposed events and occurrences. Please be watchful for any news and directives on our website that are indicative of high risk settings on campus.

I am certain, that together as one responsible community, the UoC can remain safe and Corona free.

Please stay safe!

Yours truly,

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