

Official Announcement of NAU School Policies of COVID-19 Containment Regarding International Students Outside of China

Dear International Students,

As you may have read from various news media, the COVID-19 containment within China has achieved great improvement till now. To certain extent, China's strict and scientific policy of quarantine has proved to be an effective and efficient way of virus control. However, while China is approaching its final stage of victory, the recent outbreak of the virus in other countries is becoming the new top concern in the global range. In that case, NAU international students' situations are of our top concern, especially those outside of China at present.

On Mar. 18th, NAU COVID-19 Containment Committee has just released the latest official policies regarding NAU foreign teachers, Chinese oversea students and international students outside of China referring to the recent policies made by Nanjing Municipal Foreign Affairs Office on Mar. 16th. Following are the details of NAU School Policies regarding international students outside of China. Please make sure to read through them carefully. We hope these policies give you clear guidance on your decision of making any further personal plans.

1. Reinforcement of Contact with International Students. Keep close contact with each individual international student, especially those abroad at present to learn about their location and health condition, to keep all the international students updated with the latest information regarding the prevention and control of coronavirus, as well as China's policies, local government's regulations and NAU's rules.

2. Prohibition of Return to NAU before Official Announcement. Inform international students abroad not to return to NAU before NAU releases official announcement of semester start. When NAU officially begins new semester, SIE is responsible to collect explicitly returning students' information such as date of returning to NAU, approximate arrival time, route from home country via which country/region to Nanjing, China, flight itinerary, etc.

3. Special Circumstances. In case any student returns before the start of the University, s/he MUST first apply to SIE well in advance, giving undeniable reason in the application. SIE will thereafter hand over to NAU Vice President in charge the student's request, which MUST be officially reported to the provincial Department of

Education for further approval. If the request is approved at the provincial level, the student is committed to taking all the necessary measures to prevent her/himself and avoiding highly infected countries or regions during the trip. Upon arrival, the student MUST comply with all the regulations and rules issued by Nanjing Municipal Government to have a 14-day medical quarantine in the designated place.

4. Designated Quarantine. Since the coronavirus has turned into a global pandemic, NAU implements, in accordance with national, provincial and municipal laws and regulations, a 14-day designated quarantine for non-confirmed and suspect case of international students from abroad. NAU Logistics Department is responsible for logistic operation while SIE takes care of daily information collection, psychological monitoring, and attending to other services requested.

5. Consequences. Any international student returning to NAU without prior application or intentionally hiding the truth of her/his route via highly infected countries/regions will result in:

- 1) penalty of NAU, as severe as expelling from NAU, according to the consequences her/his return causes;
- 2) charges by local government and NAU, according to laws and regulations promulgated to prevent contagion diseases;
- 3) NAU reserves the right to deny any student's entry to NAU without official approval granted by the afore-mentioned authorities.

As for the specific date of the resumption of school, it hasn't been officially decided and announced yet. What you are expected to do now is just to keep paying attention to our further notice and keep close contact with your class teacher and your supervisors. Try to keep up with the pace of regular courses study or thesis writing procedure. SIE will communicate the latest official information to you all in a timely way if any. Your constant support and faith with us are always appreciated and we do hope everyone's safety and health could be ensured and guaranteed. While you are in your own countries, we strongly advise you to follow the important tips of personal hygiene to stay away from the virus.

W-Wash your hands

U- Use mask properly

H-Have temperature checked regularly

A-Avoid large crowds

N-Never touch your face with dirty hands

Best Regards.

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