

# **NOTIFICATION 272/MoES** 23 March 2022 COVID-19 measures for Education and Sports Sector from 23 March 2022

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# **Ministry of Education and Sports**

# No 272/MoES Vientiane Capital, 23 March 2022

## **NOTIFICATION**

Attn:

- Cabinet chiefs, director generals, director of institutions, Education and Sports printing houses and centers
- Rectors of the 4 universities
- Director of provincial/Vientiane Capital Education and Sports Division
- President of Private Education Association
- Headmaster of public and private educational institutions

Re:

Enhanced measures on prevention, control, containment and response to the COVID-19 pandemic of the Education and Sports sector.

Based on guidance of the Minister and Vice Minister of Education and Sports
 Meeting, on 23 March 2022.

In enhancing measures on prevention, containment and response to the COVID-19 pandemic of the education and sports sector nationwide;

# The Head of the COVID-19 Taskforce of the Ministry of Education and Sports herewith notifies:

- Education and Sports administration at all levels, all employees and teachers shall come to work as usual. If the office is crowded and has potential risk of COVID-19 spread, personnel can come to office on a rotational basis and work remotely from home. Everyone should remain vigilant when engaging in social activities and continue to strictly follow COVID-19 preventive and control measures.
- 2. Prohibit organization of all forms of face-to-face meetings, seminars, lectures, and trainings at all venues with participants of up to 50. Meetings of less than 50 participants, or the fewer the better, are allowed. Meetings should primarily be conducted online and ensure the venue is not crowded and can observe at least 1metre physical distancing. Participants must undergo COVID-19 testing with authorized rapid test kits or RT-PCR.

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- 3. Educational institutions that have resumed classes shall collaborate with local COVID-19 Taskforce to reassess the risks and consider class and lesson arrangements are in accordance with actual local situations or per approval by the Provincial and Vientiane Capital Taskforce. The 10 measures and 40 recommendations to prevent COVID-19 shall be strictly implemented.
- 4. Suspend face-to-face classrooms, hold online lessons for early education and primary years 1 to 4 at public and private schools in provinces, Vientiane Capital, and areas with large COVID-19 community outbreak.
- 5. Prohibit employees, teachers and students to eat together and avoid sharing the same plates, utensils, and materials that can potentially be the source of COVID-19 spread.
- 6. Vientiane Capital/Provincial Education and Sports Divisions to guide/mobilize students in eligible age groups nationwide to get COVID-19 vaccination per target set by the Ministry of Health.
- 7. Task Education and Sports administration at all levels to expand in detail and implement this Notice, as well as regularly monitor, inspect, and support its implementation. At the same time, regularly follow Notice by central and local COVID-19 Taskforce.
- 8. This Notice is effective from date of signing. The Education and Sports COVID-19 Taskforce will notify of changes from time to time.

Vice Minister
Head of Ministry of Education and Sports Taskforce

[Signed and Sealed]

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