



# Communiqué

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On March 12, the World Health Organization officially declared the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic. With 52 confirmed cases in the country and evidence of community transmission, this declaration has prompted President Rodrigo Duterte to raise the country's alert level from Code Red Sublevel 1 to Code Red Sub-level 2. Consequently, Metro Manila has been put on community quarantine from March 15 to April 12, 2020, with classes in all levels in the entire region effectively called off for the same period.

In light of these recent developments, the university has decided to implement the following guidelines for its Basic Education (BED), Senior High School (SHS), and Tertiary Education (TED) departments:

For BED:

1. The school year shall be concluded early, such that Fourth Quarter exams will no longer be administered. Final grades shall be computed based on class standing, and written quizzes, performance tasks, and Mid-Quarterly Tests will be proportionally adjusted;
  2. A work from home arrangement will be implemented for faculty and staff. However, faculty may opt to go to school next week to compute and finalize their students' grades;
  3. The following student-related in-campus and off-campus activities will be cancelled:
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DATE	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS
March 16, 2020	Meeting with Parents of Candidates for Completion	All Parents of Kinder, Grades 6 and 10 Students In-Charge: Vice-Principals, Class Advisers of Kinder, Grades 6 and 10
March 20, 2020	BED Thanksgiving Fancy Drill GROW Year-End Program	Grades 3-5, 7-9 Students Grade 10 Students GROW Pupils, Parents/Guardians, GROW Faculty
March 24, 2020	Junior's Ball	Grade 10 Students, BED Personnel
March 31, 2020	Preschool Moving-Up	Preschool Pupils, Parents/Guardians, Faculty
April 2, 2020	Thanksgiving Mass and Awarding of Grades 6 and 10 Students	Grades 6 and 10 Students, Parent/Guardians

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4. The Grand Lasallian Excellence Awardees Day and Completion Rites will be scheduled accordingly; and
5. Card issuance will be done online.

For SHS and TED:

1. Faculty and students are directed to use online platforms to continue with their classes. Deans and Program Chairs, and the SHS Director and Strand Coordinators will monitor the outcomes and results of these interactions on a regular basis through the submission of reports;
2. All student-related in-campus and off-campus activities will be cancelled; and,
3. Performance tasks, presentation of final products, and final defenses will be conducted online.

Furthermore, to ensure the continued delivery of non-academic services to the community as well as to partners, providers, and suppliers, non-teaching personnel are advised to await future announcements and directives on reporting and work from home arrangements.

As our national government continues to monitor this health emergency, the university encourages everyone to stay healthy, continue to observe social distancing, take sensible health precautions, stay calm and vigilant, and to keep themselves updated on the latest information on COVID-19. More importantly, let us continue to be mindful of how our health- and hygiene-related behaviors impact other people so that we do not, directly or indirectly, contribute to the spread of this virus.

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