Circular letter N° ___/CAB/R/SG/UDs of ___ to implement the governmental strategy to counter the Coronavirus (COVID 19) pandemic at the University of Dschang

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DSCHANG

To:
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
- The Registrar;
- The Technical Adviser;
- The Directors of Central Services and Specialized Structures;
- Deans and Directors;
- Heads of Division, Heads of Service, Heads of Offices, Administrative executives and other staff members;
- Students

In compliance with the very High Instructions of the Head of State, His Excellency Paul Biya, The Prime Minister, Head of Government, presided over an inter-ministerial meeting on Tuesday March 17, 2020, in connection with the situation and identified appropriate actions to be taken to face the corona-virus-COVID 19 pandemic.

Following this meeting, the President of the Republic gave instructions related to important measures to be applicable from March 18, 2020, as the "Governmental strategy to counter the Corona virus-COVID 19 pandemic".

This Circular Letter is to clarify the particular implementation modalities in the various specialized structures, schools and faculties of all the campuses of the University of Dschang, Yaounde, Belabo, Ebolowa, Bafia, Maroua, Bambui, Foumban and Bandjoun.

At the sanitary level

In order to avoid the spread of COVID 19, the following hygienic measures must be respected by all the members of the University Community of Dschang:
- Greet from a distance, avoiding to stand less than a minimum of one meter apart, keeping away from gatherings and physical contacts;
- Respect rules of personal hygiene (washing of hands with water and soap or the use of hydro alcoholic gel as often as necessary);
- Avoid public transport, but if it is unavoidable, clean up the seats you are to occupy, and the surfaces with which you will get in to contact, and regularly get your hands cleaned;
- Cough inside handkerchief, if not, do so in your bent elbow;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Failure to respect this prescription, make sure you immediately wash your hands;
- Consult a medical doctor as soon as there are signs of usual cough;
- In the case of symptoms (sneezing, coughing) nasal mucus flow...) place yourself in a quarantine state (this means staying at home, wearing a mask in order to protect others) and call the emergency number 1510 (free number).

At the Academic Level

Teaching and research activities have been suspended till further notice in all the campuses of the University of Dschang. Consequently, amphitheатres and all premises used for academic purposes must remain closed.

The suspension of academic activities is a general implementation measure no matter the number of students having to take part in such activities.

It concerns:
- Lectures, tutorials, practicals;
- Research in the various laboratories and libraries of the University of Dschang;
- Defense of dissertations and Doctorate theses;
- Seminars, conferences, etc.

At the level of the student welfare

Restaurants and university residences shall remain closed in all the campuses of the University of Dschang, during the confinement period. This also holds for all sporting and cultural facilities.

At the general administrative level

The authorities in charge of the various specialized structures, schools, faculties, antennae and annexes of the University of Dschang, must take measures to ensure the continuity of service, in conformity with the confinement measures prescribed by the Government of the Republic.
The granting of mission orders within or abroad, with or without payment, to state officials or various staff members, lecturers or non-lecturers, is suspended during the confinement period.

The access of the public to the various administrative offices of the University of Dschang must be justified.

The neighboring residents who are allowed to pass through the campus must comply with the restrictions imposed by the confinement measures.

The Registrar, the authorities in charge of the various specialized structures, schools, faculties, antennae and annexes of the University of Dschang are each responsible for the implementation of the afore-mentioned measures.

The Vice-Chancellor attaches utmost importance to the strict respect of this circular letter and counts on the sense of responsibility of each and every one.

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