



Communication on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response #7 Friday 10 April 2020

**Dear University for Peace Community,
Students, Faculty and Staff,**

As reiterated in all previous communications, the health and safety of the UPEACE community – all students, staff, resident and visiting faculty, and independent contractors – remains a primary concern. At the same time, it is of the utmost importance that UPEACE academic programmes continue to operate as unimpeded as these extraordinary circumstances permit.

At its press conference on **8 April 2020**, the Government of Costa Rica announced the following measures, which will be in place between **13 April 2020 at 00:00 and 30 April 2020 at 23:59**:

- The restrictions regarding leaving the country are extended to all persons.
- Foreigners who leave the national territory will not be allowed to re-enter.
- Foreigners who leave or enter through an unauthorised point will lose their residency.
- Costa Rican citizens/legal residents returning to the country must observe a 14-day quarantine, according to the health order they will receive upon arrival.

Given the above, we reaffirm the following:

- The University for Peace remains open.
- **Our classes continue to be held on a regular (now virtual) schedule**, as stipulated in the academic calendar.
- For the week of **13-17 April 2020**, we will continue to apply the **teleworking modality** in the following manner:
 - Essential personnel: will work on campus Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - Non-essential personnel: will work under the teleworking mode
 - On Fridays, all employees will work under the teleworking modality.
- We request that students who wish to visit campus between Monday and Thursday notify us at least 24 hours in advance, in order to confirm the availability of transportation in accordance with the social distancing measures that we must observe.
- Transportation service will continue to be provided twice daily, once in each direction.

During the course of the next week, we will be reporting on the arrangements for the week of 20 April 2020.

Stay safe and stay home.

Greetings,

UPAZ Coronavirus Task Force