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Announcement of Synchrotron Light Research Institute (Public Organization)

Preventive Measures and Surveillances of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

(No. 32)

Regarding the outbreak of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 with tendency of higher cases, SLRI needs to adjust the preventive measures and surveillances of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) to respond to the changing situation.

Pursuant to the Decree of Board of SLRI, Ref. No. 7/2020, on “Appointment of Director of Synchrotron Light Research Institute” issued on 29 May 2020, SLRI hereby issues the Announcement of Synchrotron Light Research Institute (Public Organization) on Preventive Measures and Surveillances of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) (No. 32) as follows:

1. Heads of departments have to assign possible works, either on daily or weekly basis for SLRI colleagues to perform at residences. Arrangement for alternate working times on-site is needed based on safety issue in the number of 50% of colleagues of each department. In addition, heads of departments need to attentively manage all tasks to achieve expected departments’ outcomes as if they are performed in normal situation based on work context of each department.

2. During the period of working from home, ID card or finger scan for clocking in and off are exempted and payment for over-time is not provided. In a case of necessity, it will be considered by a responsible head of department on a case-by-case basis.

3. SLRI colleagues performing work at residences need to be contactable by phones or other contact devices during the office-hour period for related communication in order to achieve work performance outcomes.

4. All colleagues must practice following the COVID-19 screening measures as follows:

Item	COVID-19 Screening Measure
- Officers, outsourced employees, project employees, research-funded students, internship students, and visiting students/scientists	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have weekly COVID-19 test with the Antigen Test Kit (ATK) on the first day of the week working at SLRI• Report the testing results to Chief of Division and Head of Department respectively

Item	COVID-19 Screening Measure
- Security guards, housekeepers, and employees of SLRI canteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLRI officer in charge is assigned to contact their employers to arrange the employees the weekly ATK testing on the first day working at SLRI. • the ATK testing results must be reported to Safety Division.
- Colleagues having self-quarantine at residences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the first COVID-19 testing with the ATK on day 5 or 6 after the last day of exposure to the confirmed case • have the second COVID-19 testing with the ATK on day 10 after the last day of exposure to the confirmed case • self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms every day (if suspects of having COVID-19 infection, contact a hospital for COVID-19 screening)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleagues requires to work on-site at SLRI on days 8-10 of the self-quarantine must be under permission and closed supervision of their superiors. During working in the stated period, they need to work in secluded area, avoid entering public areas, and have less physical meeting with other people.

The ATK can either be received from Safety Division or self-provided.

5. For risk reduction of COVID-19 infection, SLRI colleagues performing work on-site need to abide by preventive measures as follows:

5.1 always wear surgical masks and maintain at least 1-2 meters of distance in contacting with other people, and discard all used surgical masks in the provided containers or in closed plastic bags

5.2 always do handwashing with soap and water or 70% alcohol-based-hand sanitizer

5.3 avoid sharing food containers, cutlery, and personal belongings with other people

5.4 in case of having COVID-19 symptoms or suspect of infection, contact a hospital for medical treatment and promptly inform a work superior

6. A person without ATK-result disclosure on the first day of working on-site is not

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permitted to enter SLRI area. The permission will be done only when a disclosure of ATK negative result to Safety Division is possible.

7. SLRI canteen is permitted to serve but only for SLRI colleagues with number of dine-in seats and customers in accordance with SLRI social distancing measures.

8. SLRI colleagues assigned to work outside SLRI area need to perform as follows:

8.1 a department secretary informs Safety Division of the name of assigned colleague

8.2 upon returning to SLRI, in case of suspect of infection, use the provided ATK to test for infection and perform complying with the preventive measures

9. Synchrotron light service shall be provided under following measures:

9.1 user, visitor, and contractor travelling to SLRI for business or visit need to complete the SLRI COVID-19 risk assessment form before entering SLRI area

9.2 user, visitor, and contractor travelling to SLRI for on-site task need to strictly comply with measures of the Center for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) and announcements of Nakhon Ratchasima Communicable Disease Committee. In this regard, less than 72 hours negative test-result with RT-PCR or ATK test result before entering SLRI area, with self-financial support, is required.

9.3 for visitor, personnel, or organization representative apart from the one stated in Article 9.2 travelling to SLRI for on-site task and/or work upon SLRI request, Safety Division will be responsible for proposing for Director's approval on testing expense, on a case-by-case basis

10. For reduction of COVID-19 infection, SLRI colleagues need to avoid travelling to places at risk or crowded communities and comply with the Universal Prevention for COVID-19 measures as follows:

10.1 avoid leaving residence unless necessary

10.2 always maintain at least 1-2 meters of distance from other people

10.3 always wear a surgical mask underneath a fabric mask both inside and outside residence in the presence of 2 people or more

10.4 always do handwashing with soap and water or 70% alcohol-based-hand sanitizer before dining or after doing activities at risk of infection including coughing, sneezing, using restroom, and touching all shared objects

10.5 avoid touching a being worn surgical/fabric mask, face, eyes, mouth, or nose unless necessary

10.6 people at risk of COVID-19 infection, people with over 60 years old, and people with chronic diseases need to avoid leaving residences unless necessary or with the shortest period of time

10.7 frequently clean and disinfect public surfaces of shared equipment,

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10.8 do not share personal belongings with other people

10.9 always have newly cooked food with individual dining set, or use personal serving spoon when dining with family members

10.10 in case of suspect of infection such as having physical contact with possibly infected people, going to places at risk, or having COVID-19 symptoms, use the ATK to test for infection or contact a hospital for medical treatment and promptly inform a work superior

In this regard, SLRI colleagues can acquire real-time surveillance of the outbreak from both CCSA at website: <https://www.facebook.com/ThaiCovidCenter/>, and Nakhon Ratchasima Communicable Disease Committee at website: <https://covid-19.nakhonratchasima.go.th/frontpage>. SLRI colleagues are also requested to immediately inform Mr. Methee Sophon, Chief of Safety Division, of suspected infection case at Tel: 081-7183013 or at SLRI Official Line Group for further disease control.

For your information and strict complying with the announcement from the issued date onwards until further notice.

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