



# MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear students and parents,

March 9, 2020

The World Health Organization has emphasized that the COVID-19 epidemic "can be pushed back, but only with a collective coordinated and comprehensive approach that engages the entire machinery of government." The WHO Director General affirms: "Our message to all countries is: this is not a one-way street. We can push this virus back. Your actions now will determine the course of the outbreak in your country. There's no choice but to act now".

In the context of the recent reporting of a few COVID-19 cases in some more places in Kerala, from where we have students in the college, the following precautionary measures are being taken in the larger interests of the society, based also on the directions from the District Administration and the Management:

1. Hostel students from Pathanamthitta and Kollam districts, who have gone home for the weekend, are asked to remain at home this week. Attendance requests of these students will be favorably considered.
2. Students from any district of Kerala, who is doubtful of even a slight infectious contact with any COVID-19 infected persons, are also asked to keep away from the college, until they are tested negative.
3. The internal examinations of FDP S2/S4 classes scheduled for 10 & 11 March are postponed. New dates will be announced later.
4. 'IVANO FEST' organized by the College Union is postponed, taking also into consideration the UGC Advisory, dated 5th March 2020, to avoid large gatherings on campus.
5. Classes for UG S2/S4 and PG S2/S4 will be held as usual this week.

We will revise the above measures, if necessary, in the light of any Government directive which may be issued in the upcoming days. May God bless you all.

Regards,

Principal