

WELL-BEING, SAFETY & SECURITY

Asia Pacific College

Ensuring Well-being, Safety and Security While Students Do Not Report to APC

It is normal to be anxious about matters that we cannot control. With the dismal conditions where there is lack of public transportation, challenges in connectivity, inaccessibility to basic services, and most of all, potential disorder in some places, we advise our students to stay home and focus their attention on Home Study for the remainder of the 3rd term during this unrelenting threat to humanity.

In anticipation of coming back to school in the next Academic Year 2020-2021, we are doing our best to assure our entire community that we are taking extraordinary precautions and measures to safeguard physical and mental health following these services and protocols.

How do we support our students' well-being in this unsettling social environment?

Asia Pacific College Guidance Counselors are available for consultation via electronic mail and mobile phone. They will gladly lend their time to listen and converse with our students who need support and find solace in these troubled times.

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Occasionally, they will send posters and other reminders via social media in the hope that they can help alleviate fears and depression caused by these distressful circumstances.



Figure 1. Caring for Mental Health posts in APC's Facebook account

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What Safety, Security and Sanitation measures are in place at APC?

Anticipating foot traffic at APC should the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) be lifted, we are incessantly engaged in practicing enhanced security and sanitation processes that we will eventually embody in new policies, procedures and protocols.

These include, among others, scheduled wall scrubbing, floor mopping, contact area wiping, wiping of equipment, airing of wiped areas, and availability of alcohol at entrances for hand disinfection. We are also designing other mechanisms that will engage our entire community to do their share in keeping APC safe and clean at all times.



Figure 2. Campus-wide sanitation and disinfection

The Enhanced Building Entry Protocol will be implemented once classes and offices open. Prior to entry to the building, bags will be sprayed with alcohol, hands washed, shoes disinfected in a foot bath, alcohol sprayed on the hands and body temperature checked.



Figure 3. Bag hangers and handwash sinks in Sanitation Walkway

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How do we lend a helping hand to First Responders?

While this pandemic is understandably causing confusion to the way we think and act, APC has not forgotten its fundamental duty to society. We are steadfast in helping members of our community, especially dedicating time and resources to first responders. They are our new saviors and heroes of the times.

APC Dormers' PPE Project

With the help of IT Resources Executive Director and School of Multimedia & Arts (SoMA) faculty, students residing in the dormitory worked together to maximize their spare time by using their skills in order to build COVID-19 face shields for front line workers.





Figure 4. Face shield frames printed using 3D printer

Support for Barangay Magallanes

APC lent the cafeteria area to Barangay Magallanes to serve as a logistics support center for its relief operations. Additionally, APC provided electricity for the barracks of the PNP detachment assigned in SLEX.





Figure 5. Relief operations at APC Cafeteria



Figure 6. Police Barracks for PNP personnel assigned in SLEX

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