

## **CIRCULAR 49/2020: IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Dear Students and Staff Members,

As you are aware, many countries including neighbouring Italy are on alert due to the COVID-19 virus. The World Health Organisation (WHO) as well as the Ministry of Health of Malta are regularly issuing updates on measures that organisations and people should take to avert the spreading of this virus.

MCAST has set up a Health Support Group (HSG) to deal with situations that might occur in our College related to this virus. The HSG is made up of the following members of staff: Stephen Vella, Josette Bonnici, Ramon Mangion, Charles Duncan and Philip Vella. They will be monitoring the situation and issuing any instructions to staff and students after consulting with the Ministry of Health. They may be contacted on [healthsupport@mcast.edu.mt](mailto:healthsupport@mcast.edu.mt)

MCAST has already issued Circular to inform staff and students of measures that must be taken including the important measure that with immediate effect any students or staff members who are returning to Malta from China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Iran, South Korea and Italy are required to self-quarantine for 14<sup>th</sup> days. Self-quarantine will be noted as excused and will not negatively impinge on their working conditions. It is also important that students who are in self-quarantine alert the Registrar on [registrar@mcast.edu.mt](mailto:registrar@mcast.edu.mt). Staff members should inform their respective Director and Director HR on [denise.cortis@mcast.edu.mt](mailto:denise.cortis@mcast.edu.mt)

With reference to the Coronavirus infection, please find below the link to the note released by the European Commission and the WHO for your attention:

<http://erasmusplus.eupa.org.mt/2020/02/26/coronavirus-exceptional-measures-with-regard-to-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-projects/>

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<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Staff and students will be advised to avoid travelling until further notice.

The HSG will keep you informed of any developments in due course.