

To the MCL Community and the General Public:

The management of Malayan Colleges Laguna - A Mapua School decided to suspend classes yesterday, March 13, 2020 as a precautionary measure against the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). To better inform our stakeholders of the premises of the decision, please go through the following advisories:

1. **Such decision is a precautionary measure.** We regret that there is malicious information circulating that MCL locked down due to a confirmed Person Under Investigation (PUI) or Person Under Monitoring (PUM) case in the school. This is absolutely false. We are preventing this to happen, which is why we are following the DepEd and DOH recommendation to temporarily suspend activities where persons will congregate (as seen in [DepEd Memorandum No. 034, s. 2020](#), and [DOH Advisory on Concerts and Other Public Events and Gatherings](#) dated February 7, 2020).
2. **We need to intensify the campaign for social distancing.** With more than 7,000 people (i.e. students, employees, and guests) getting in and out of MCL on a daily basis, our students and employees cannot effectively distance themselves while in the lecture rooms, and common areas. We also want the students to intensify their own efforts for social distancing by giving them reasons not to take public transportation in going to and from the school.
3. **Classes are suspended only on March 13, 2020.** Starting today, March 14, the delivery of our courses has shifted to online. MCL has been pioneering efforts to deliver a blended learning approach to instruction since 2009. Hence, while we all pray for the pandemic to subside, our stakeholders can be assured that learning happens until the end of the term through our alternative delivery mode.
4. **MCL can effectively roll out classes through Blackboard Learn and other online platforms.** All courses offered in College and Senior High School are paired with its online delivery through our learning management system (LMS), Blackboard Learn, and all other online platforms that will make instructional delivery possible.
5. **The community quarantine of the National Capital Region is also a consideration for the MCL management.** We have a good number of students, faculty members, and school officials who are coming from Muntinlupa and Parañaque.

We call on everyone to stay calm and cooperate with all our efforts to keep MCL COVID19-free. This is a big decision that we have to make, but we need to always put premium and primary consideration on the safety, health and wellness of our students, faculty members, employees, and the general public.

We enjoin everyone to regularly check our website and social media pages for COVID-19 advisories.

Thank you very much.