

COVID-19 Updates for Malaysian Students in the UK & Ireland

1. First and foremost, UKEC would like to extend our gratitude towards Education Malaysia London and the High Commission of Malaysia London for their unwavering support in ensuring that the welfare of Malaysian Students are well taken care of.
2. We would also like to thank everyone who has been a part of the crowdfunding initiative launched in collaboration with nine other student societies, namely: KPUM, GenCorporate, KBR, EMAN UKE, BPN UK, MPUK, The Kalsom Movement, The Charisma Movement and The Hubb Movement.
3. We are proud to announce that after less than 24 hours of launching the Gofundme page, we have managed to hit the £5000 (as of 27/3/2020 7.55 am UKT). The funds are currently being released to the eligible recipients to alleviate their financial burden.
4. Do note that with the financial aid offered, the recipients are permitted to use them to subsidise their return tickets and/or pay for other necessities. The latter includes rent and groceries, with proof of purchase.
5. More urgently, we would also like to remind students who are still in the UK & Ireland to register with Education Malaysia UK at <https://www.educationmalaysia.co.uk/index.php/registration>. This will allow the High Commission of Malaysia London to provide assistance in the event of an emergency or evacuation.
6. We advise students to keep an eye on flight prices by airlines, which have started to return to relatively regular rates. Do note that the High Commission of Malaysia London and Malaysian Airlines (MAS) have teamed up to provide discounted flights for Malaysian Students in the UK.



7. We understand that it has been a very confusing time for everyone, especially with contradicting advice on whether students should remain in the UK & Ireland or return home to Malaysia. As such, this statement aims to clarify the directive advice in which we have recently received from Wisma Putra, Education Malaysia London and High Commission of Malaysia London.

8. The decision on whether to return home or not can only be made by the students themselves. We would also like to raise the attention of all students to the [recent statement](#) which has been given out by the Deputy Foreign Minister, YB Dato' Kamarrudin Jaffar. He calls on all Malaysian students in the UK & Ireland to come home as soon as possible if one is planning to do so.

9. However, we strongly urge and advise you **NOT** to travel back home if you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 and seek medical assistance from NHS through the 111 hotline instead. Please do not put everyone else around you at risk by compromising the airport you are departing and arriving at, travelling to and fro, the passengers on your flight and your own family members. Remember to self-quarantine for 14 days as advised by the NHS. **Please stay at home.**


10. We understand that it may be worrisome given how you may find yourself panicking for not being able to undergo the test for Covid-19 in the UK and Ireland as easily in comparison to being tested in Malaysia. However, do note that due to the current state of the pandemic, it is necessary for the NHS to prioritise high risk patients. If you find yourself in a dire situation - with worsening symptoms and you are not receiving the adequate medical assistance that you require, please do not be afraid to **reach out to Education Malaysia London or the High Commission of Malaysia London** at director@educationmalaysia.co.uk or ea.sa@educationmalaysia.co.uk. For any urgent queries, do **reach out to your MSocs or UKEC**, as they would be able to direct you to relevant personnel who are able to channel help to you instantly. **We are here to help.**

11. UKEC would also like to take this opportunity to reassure those who are staying in the UK & Ireland, that it is safe to do so and is in fact [recommended](#) by the HM Government. In the case where you require any form of assistance, Education Malaysia London or the High Commission of Malaysia London are on standby 24 hours a day to channel any help necessary. Please do not panic and follow the social distancing guidelines.

 HM Government

Coronavirus

If you are a university student still living in your accommodation you should stay put and not attempt to travel. Remain where you are and follow social distancing guidance.



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THE NHS. SAVE LIVES.



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12. Join our [UKECommunity](#) Facebook group to keep up with the latest updates on the current COVID19 situation in the UK and Malaysia. Feel free to use the group to voice out any concerns you might have or to interact with the Malaysian Student Community in the UK and Ireland.

Signed by,

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