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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

I am writing to announce that KIMEP University will be transitioning to the online mode for a two week quarantine period due to Covid-19, beginning Thursday November 18, 2021.

Four individuals have tested positive for Covid-19 yesterday and today, which has resulted in the large number of close group contact individuals transferred into the online mode of education. In addition, another student is awaiting PCR results, who may have affected more members of our community.

In total, these positive tests have caused 18 faculty members to transition 72 classes online, which means that nearly 1,400 out of our 2,010 students are learning online, or 70% of the student body.

Although all faculty members and staff are vaccinated (as well as 63% of students), scientists and medical professionals indicate that vaccines do not give 100% protection. If students and faculty members continue in-person education, the rate of infections at KIMEP would likely increase.

In response to this situation, KIMEP's highest management counsel—the president, vice presidents, all five deans, and representatives from the student government—convened a meeting and adopted a resolution to transfer KIMEP's educational orientation into the online mode for two weeks in an effort to safeguard the health of students, faculty, and staff.

As of tomorrow November 18, 2021, KIMEP University will be conducting all educational orientation online. In the meantime, the library, study rooms, and other campus facilities will remain open.

Please stay posted for further communications about this quarantine period.

Sincerely,

Timothy Barnett, Ph.D.

Provost and General Deputy to the President, KIMEP University

