

Dear students:

Happy New Year of the Iranian people and Happy Shabanieh Feasts to all of you and your esteemed family and wish you are well by passing this crisis with the least toll. I would like to inform you the following:

1- According to Corona virus headquarters, traffic restrictions will continue until April 8, and so for now, until the second announcement, the theory classes and the internships that were also closed in March, they are still closed from 4th to 10th April 2020. The presence of clinical students, interns, and assistants announced by the medical school is required under the program.

2- Some university deputies and heads of educational departments of the Ministry of Education believes in canceling the second semester of 2019-2020. Isfahan University of Medical Sciences to prevent student dropout and adding a semester to their course, and also according to the comments of some epidemiologists that believe Corona outbreaks will continue in the fall and winter of 2020, is working diligently to prevent the elimination of the current semester. In this regard, using virtual education and considering the educational requirements and encouragement of respectable faculty members, we will try to use different virtual systems, especially the NAVID system. I am hopefully most of the lessons will be uploaded by April 4<sup>th</sup>. If dear students use and welcome these methods, as announced on the school's websites, we have presented three different scenarios to the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in several pages to continue the holidays until the end of April, the end of May and the end of June. If approved, we can complete the current semester with the help of virtual education as well as using part of the summer. There are also predictions for practical and clinical lessons that will be provided in the future if approved by the Ministry. Of course, all of this depends on the decision of the Deputy Minister of Education at the Ministry, which fortunately the drafting they presented today indicates the continuation of the semester with virtual education and the use of summer for practical lessons. The draft is due to be finalized on Monday, March 30, at the webinar with the presence of education authorities in the ministry and the vice chancellors of education of universities, and then will be announced.

3- If some courses are not offered virtually by the faculty members, or students do not use some courses, those courses will be deleted.

With the cooperation of the esteemed faculty members, and the dear students, as well as the patience and tolerance of some of the challenges of presenting all theory courses virtually in the current context, we hope to prevent the cancellation of the current semester. Finally, depending on the decision of the Ministry, you will be notified of the continuation of the closure or the likely time of university reopening.

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