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NOTICE in regard to OMICRON (a variant of coronavirus)

Dear Students:

Welcome again to new normal situation at the Chittagong Independent University (CIU) post lockdown due to COVID 19 pandemic. Our first concern and priority is your sound health when we opened the CIU Campus as per directives of the Government of Bangladesh.

On 26 November 2021, WHO designated the variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern, named OMICRON, on the advice of WHO's Technical Advisory Group on Virus Evolution (TAG-VE). This decision was based on the evidence presented to the TAG-VE that OMICRON has several mutations that may have an impact on how it behaves, for example, on how easily it spreads or the severity of illness it causes.

The most effective steps individuals can take to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus is to keep a **physical distance of at least 1 metre from others; wear a well-fitting face mask; open windows to improve ventilation; avoid poorly ventilated or crowded spaces; keep hands clean; cough or sneeze into a bent elbow or tissue; and get vaccinated when it's their turn.**

Most importantly, CIU authority strongly recommends and encourages our students to get vaccinated. This Coronavirus Vaccine will no doubt protect you and vaccination will allow you to go public places. On top of that the Govt. of Bangladesh will very soon enforce "NO VACCINE, NO SERVICE" program. We, at CIU, may also have to prohibit the students (coming to CIU campus) who are not vaccinated. Or the Govt. may force the educational institutes to close down again to contain the spread of OMICRON.

We expect that you all abide by the rules of the university in this regard. Respected faculty members of the CIU are requested to read out this notice to their students in the classroom.

Yours sincerely,
With prior approval of the CIU authority

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