Advice for external organisations: novel coronavirus information

The following information is for external organisations who may have concerns or questions about the current outbreak of the novel coronavirus (also known as COVID-19).

The University takes the health and safety of its staff, students and visitors very seriously and our Coronavirus Planning Group is carefully monitoring the situation around the recent outbreak.

The University has been notified that one member of staff has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and is following PHE advice and self-isolating. We are also aware of a small number of unrelated suspected student and staff cases of the virus.

Whilst the University remains open, we have no alternative option, given the current circumstances, but to temporarily suspend face-to-face teaching from Monday 16 March. This means there will be no face-to-face lectures, seminars, tutorials or practicals from this time.

We are making plans to deliver teaching online and any employers who were due to visit campus to take part in Careers Service events are being contacted with a view to converting activities using alternative delivery methods eg Black Board Collaborate (a virtual webinar environment), telephone, Skype etc.

We are also keen to share with students any on demand videos, hints and tips for students or updates on changes to recruitment practices that employers wish to provide so do let us know if you have resources or further information that we can utilise.

We are continuing to plan our Autumn events programme as usual and, should the need arise, will put in place appropriate alternative formats to ensure that employers can continue to attract, and engage with, our students. We will keep you up-to-date on our plans once these are finalised.

We will continue to issue any further advice and guidance as it becomes available.