



Summary report from meeting of Critical Incidences/Crisis Operations Team

31 January 2020

In Attendance

Mr Gerry O'Brien (Chair)	Deputy President Chief Operating Officer & Registrar
Prof Kerstin Mey	Vice President Academic Affairs & Student Engagement
Mr Philip Thornton	Health & Safety Officer
Mr Andrew Flaherty	Dir Human Resources
Ms Sheena Doyle	Communications Manager
Mr Paul Burke	Chief Academic Officer Clinical Education Research Centre
Mr Eamonn Moran	Director Student Affairs
Mr Robert Reidy	Director Buildings & Estates
Mr Liam O'Reilly	Director ITD
Ms Yi Bao	Director China Engagement
Dr Ronan Ryder	GP UL Medical Centre
Ms Claire Kearns	Nurse UL Medical Centre

This meeting was called to discuss the outbreak of Coronavirus in China and its potential implications for the University. The purpose of the Crisis Operations Group is to deal with a crisis if and when it arises and have a plan of action in place, should the situation become more critical.

The meeting dealt with the following considerations:

- The origin of the outbreak in Wuhan in China and the spread to several Chinese provinces and other countries.
- The status of any UL students that had travelled to UL from an infected area.
- HSE Protocols and remaining up to date on HSE and DFA advice and guidance.
- Sourcing and keeping on reserve an isolation unit in the event of any suspected outbreak on campus.
- Possibility of a campus closure for an unknown period of time in the event of full outbreak on campus and establishing response protocols, including student village residences.
- Facilitation of online teaching and learning provision for students to enable them continue with their studies.

Dates/times of further meetings for the coming weeks were established.