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## FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR ACADEMICS

Dear New Incoming Students

Congratulations on being admitted to the program of your choice at Gulf Medical University! Gulf Medical University welcomes you to this new and exciting phase of your life!

You are transitioning from a school to a university environment, where learning will be different with you taking more responsibility for your learning. This new Academic Year 2020-21 is also unique compared to previous years, as you will be part of a “new normal” learning environment. Due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic early this year, GMU has successfully adopted a blended learning strategy, which was highly appreciated by our students for its effectiveness.

Your learning at Gulf Medical University will start off with an Orientation Program planned the week before your start date of regular classes. Kindly click to access the [Orientation Program Dates](#) and the [Start Date of Regular Classes](#). The detailed itinerary of the Orientation Program will be intimated to you by your respective college. You are required to attend the orientation session being held on-campus, in person, to familiarize yourself with the university facilities, faculty, and the learning culture at GMU. It is essential that you take advantage of the many services available to help you achieve your full potential.

GMU has taken all necessary precautionary measures for the safety and health of our student community in the campus as per the directives of the Ministry of Education (***Ref. Operation of Educational Establishments during the Pandemic: Protocols & Procedures***).



Accordingly, it is mandatory for all students to undergo the COVID-19 PCR Test. The test should be done not more than 96 hours prior to attending the Orientation Program on-campus. The test result should be mailed in advance to your respective college office (***Kindly click to access [email ID of college offices](#)***). Only students with “**Negative**” test result will be allowed entry into the Thumbay Medicity campus. Students are also required to download the ALHOSN UAE Application in your mobiles.

Please note that the Orientation Program is **for students only**, and parents are not allowed to attend due to the extraordinary circumstance of the pandemic prevailing now. Parents/Guardians will be required to drop their ward off at the campus main gate.

Again, as a safety precaution, sharing of devices like laptops or tablets is strictly prohibited in the university. Therefore, it is **mandatory** for all students to **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** from the day of orientation. Kindly click to know about [Specifications of the Device](#) compatible with our systems at GMU.

On behalf of the deans, faculty, and staff, I welcome again the new Batch of 2020 students to Gulf Medical University! Wishing you all success in your learning!

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