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Dated the 3 0 June, 2020

To

The Chairman, UGC

The Chairman, AICTE

Director General, NTA

All other Autonomous Organizations under DHE, MHRD

**Subject:** MHA Guidelines for phased reopening (Unlock 2)

Dear

MHA vide order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29.06.2020 has issued guidelines on **Unlock 2**, whereby it has been directed that colleges and educational institutions will remain closed till 31.07.2020. It has been further stated that online/distance learning shall continue to be permitted and shall be encouraged.

- 2. In this regard kindly refer to my previous D.O. NO. Secy(HE)/MHRD/2020 dated 21.03.2020, whereby the precautions required to be taken for ensuring the safety of the Faculty members/Teachers/Researchers/Non-Teaching staff of educational institutions and the students still staying in hostels were advised.
- 3. In order to ensure the safety of the Faculty members/ Teachers/ Researchers/ Non-Teaching staff of higher educational institutions, the following precautions, should be taken:
- i. Faculty members/ Teachers/ Researchers/ Non-Teaching staff under your organization should be permitted and advised to work from home till 31.07.2020.
- ii. Faculty members/ Teachers/ Researchers should utilize this period for various academic activities, as already communicated vide my D.O. dated 21.03.2020.

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- iii. The said period shall be counted as being on duty for all Faculty members/ Teachers/ Researchers/ Non-teaching staff including Ad-hoc and contract Teachers whose contracts are valid at least up-to 31.07.2020.
- iv. Aarogya Setu App enables easy identification of potential risk of infection and, therefore, it may be ensured that Aarogya Setup App is installed by the students, faculty and employees to fight against COVID-19.
- v. In case of exigency, any Faculty Member/ Teacher/ Researcher/ Non-teaching staff may attend or be asked to attend the educational institution with all precautionary measures as mentioned in the guidelines issued by MHA/MHFW.
- 4. All Faculty members/ Teachers/ Researchers/ Non-teaching staff should provide their contact details i.e Mobile No., email id, etc to their institutions so that they may be contacted in case of emergency.

Regardo,

Yours sincerely,

(Amit Khare)

Copy to: The Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs with a request to consider similar guidelines for the higher educational institutions under their control.