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## CIRCULAR 21

1 June 2020

All Staff and Students

### **COVID-19: RESUMPTION OF CAMPUS OPERATIONS**

1. As mentioned in [OSHE Circular 20](#), the University will resume campus operations in phases starting from tomorrow, 2 June 2020.
2. **Update on Zoning**
  - a. Five self-sufficient zones have been created on NUS campuses, to minimise over-crowding and intermingling. Each zone has its own dining and study areas. Please see [here](#) for the zonal map.
  - b. The University Health Centre and Victim Care Unit are in a neutral zone and accessible by all.
  - c. Students who stay on campus will be assigned a Study Zone (based on their Faculty/School) and a Residential Zone (based on the location of their hostels). These student residents can purchase food and dine at canteens and food outlets in their Study Zone. They may only purchase food at canteens and food outlets in their Residential Zone and specific/approved canteens near their hostels. While each hostel is within a particular zone, these student residents are allowed to travel to their Study Zone which may not be in their Residential Zone to attend face-to-face lessons/visit laboratories, where required.
3. **Health Declaration (formerly known as Daily Temperature Declaration)**
  - a. New “**uNivUS**” Mobile App: Staff and students are encouraged to install the “**uNivUS**” app through the App Store for iOS, or Google Play for Android for their twice daily declaration of their health and temperature status. They can also continue to do so via the existing [Daily Temperature Declaration](#).
  - b. All students who come to campus must declare their health and temperature status in the morning before they arrive on campus. Students staying in hostels **must** declare their health and temperature status twice a day.
  - c. All staff **must** declare their health and temperature status twice a day unless they have been previously exempted by their Heads of Departments (HODs). All previous self-exemptions in the health and temperature declaration are no longer valid with effect from 31 May 2020, 8.00pm. As the system now does not allow staff to do self-exemption, they will need to seek approval from their HODs for the exemption.

#### 4. Overseas Travel Declaration

- a. All incoming students and students proceeding to Academic Year 2020 Semester 1 as well as NUS staff, must declare their completed travels and/or travel plans in the [Overseas Travel Declaration \(OTD\) system](#) for the period **from 1 June 2020 to 30 September 2020**. The declaration will commence on 1 June 2020, 12.00pm.
- b. For students:
  - i. Previous OTD exemptions, and declarations with arrivals on or after 1 June 2020 have been removed from the system. Hence, please declare your completed travels and/or travel plans for the period from 1 June 2020 to 30 September 2020.
  - ii. Students who do not complete their OTD declarations will not be able to access the following systems or services:
    1. LumiNUS access will be blocked from 8 June 2020 onwards.
    2. The following services under Edurec access will be blocked from 22 June 2020 onwards:
      - Research Scholarship stipend disbursement (if applicable)
      - Enrolling for modules
      - Viewing Student Status Letter
      - Viewing exam results/Academic Advisement report
      - Viewing Unofficial Transcript
      - No Official Transcript
      - Withholding Conferment letter and degree scroll (if applicable)
    3. ModReg access will be blocked from 23 Jul 2020 onwards.
    4. Student residents will not be allowed to check into their rooms.
- c. For staff:
  - i. Overseas travel declarations by staff for completed travels and/or travel plans for the period from 1 June 2020 to 30 September 2020 must be completed by 30 June 2020.
  - ii. Staff will be able to view/review their previous declarations on the system for arrivals on or after 18 May 2020. Previous overseas travel declarations exemptions will remain in place.

#### 5. Returning to work on campus

- a. **COVID-19 Return-to-Workplace Training**

All staff **must** attend the compulsory online training module OSHGEN11: COVID-19 Return-to-Workplace Training before returning to campus. The training video module is located in the LumiNUS (<https://luminus.nus.edu.sg>), under 'MY MODULES' in the 'Non-Academic Modules'. This video is accessible to all NUS staff and students.
- b. Vulnerable staff should continue to work from home from 02 June 2020 till end of year 31 December 2020. More information has been shared with the Unit Incident Commanders (UICs) of each department.

- c. Only Executive and Administrative staff, as well as lab-based Research staff and PhD and Masters (Research) students who have obtained prior approval, are allowed to be on campus. They must adhere to safe distancing measures and wear masks at all times. They must also observe the alternate team-based work arrangements, wear the designated colour lanyards and keep to the zones they are in while on campus. The respective departments' UICs will share more information on the lanyards later in June.
6. We appeal for your cooperation to keep our community safe as we resume our campus operations in gradual phases. Given the number of asymptomatic cases detected in the Singapore community, we need to constantly stay vigilant and adhere to the safety measures in place. The University will take disciplinary action against staff or student who do not comply with the safety measures in place.
7. If you have further questions, please email [COVID-19@nus.edu.sg](mailto:COVID-19@nus.edu.sg) or contact the management office of your department. Thank you.

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**Stay updated:**

- NUS circulars, FAQs, emergency contact numbers, as well as useful links on the COVID-19 situation are available at [emergency.nus.edu.sg](https://emergency.nus.edu.sg).
- The latest NUS-related news, research and commentaries on COVID-19 are available [here](#).
- Updates from the Dean of Students can be seen [here](#).
- Please refer to the [Ministry of Health](#) for the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in Singapore and the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) for travel advisories.