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All Staff and Students

COVID-19: NEW PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS RETURNING FROM REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ITALY AND IRAN

Dear Colleagues and Students

Please take note of the latest NUS measures relating to the COVID-19 situation:

LATEST UPDATES

- The Ministry of Health has [announced](#) that from 26 February 2020, 2359 hours, all new visitors with recent travel history to Daegu and Cheongdo in the Republic of Korea within the last 14 days will not be allowed entry into Singapore, or transit through Singapore.
- If you are returning from **Daegu city and Cheongdo county**, you will be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN). You are required to declare your particulars [here](#) **within 24 hours** of your arrival in Singapore.
- If you are returning from the **Republic of Korea (outside of Daegu city and Cheongdo county), Italy and/or Iran**, you are required to **work from home for 7 days (for staff); or do e-learning for 7 days (for students), from the date of your return.**

1. NEW PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

In view of the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation overseas, the University has decided to take additional precautionary measures for staff and students returning from countries where there has been a surge in infected cases. These countries include the Republic of Korea, Italy and Iran.

A. SHNs for those returning from Daegu city and Cheongdo county, Republic of Korea

If you are returning from **Daegu city and Cheongdo county in the Republic of Korea**, you will be issued with a Stay-Home Notice (SHN). Please refer to [Circular 8](#) for more information on the SHN.

B. Seven-day social distancing for those returning from the rest of the Republic of Korea, Italy and/or Iran

If you are returning from the **rest of the Republic of Korea (outside of Daegu city and Cheongdo county), Italy and/or Iran**, you are required to **work from home for 7 days (for staff); or do e-learning for 7 days (for students), from the day of your return.**

Social distancing for students

If you are staying at home, please do not come to campus. If you are staying on campus, please stay in your hostel room and avoid socialising with others (you may choose to go home during this period). Do e-learning for all your modules for 7 days, from the date of your return. If you require assistance regarding modules or academic matters, please inform your course instructors.

If you show any symptoms of fever, cough, sore throat, running nose, breathlessness, etc., please wear a mask and seek medical attention immediately.

The new added measure of 7-day social distancing for staff and students returning from countries experiencing a spike in COVID-19 infections has been introduced following consultation with NUS medical and public health experts. This measure reflects our desire for staff and students to live their lives as normally as possible, while keeping our community safe.

The precautionary measures for all staff and students returning from COVID-19 affected countries are summarised below:

	Quarantine Order (Authorities)	Stay Home Notice (Authorities & NUS)	7-day Social Distancing (NUS)
Hubei province	Yes		
Mainland China (outside of Hubei)		Yes	

Daegu city or Cheongdo county, Republic of Korea		Yes	
Republic of Korea (outside of Daegu city and Cheongdo county)			Yes
Italy			Yes
Iran			Yes

2. REMINDERS: COMPULSORY TRAVEL DECLARATION & TEMPERATURE TAKING

- a. Please remember to update your travel declarations [here](#) to cover travel **until 31 July 2020**. You must update your declaration as soon as your travel plans are confirmed and whenever there are subsequent changes to your travel.
- b. You are also reminded to take your temperature twice daily with your own thermometer, and to report them online [here](#). Refrain from using the centralised temperature screening stations, which have been set up for visitors.

The latest precautionary measures are a reflection of the developing COVID-19 situation overseas, and we will enhance them when needed. **Non-compliance with any of the control measures implemented by NUS is considered an offence, and disciplinary action will be taken against staff and students. All non-compliance will be dealt with in accordance to the NUS Code of Conduct and the NUS student disciplinary procedures.**

We ask that you adhere to all of the precautionary measures introduced by the authorities as well as NUS, for the health and safety of our community. Please continue to practise good personal hygiene and social responsibility at all times. If you are unwell, wear a mask and seek medical attention immediately.

If you have further questions, please email 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.
- Updates from the Dean of Students can be seen [here](#).
- The latest NUS-related news, research and commentaries on the novel coronavirus are available [here](#). **NEW**
- Please refer to the [MOH website](#) for the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in Singapore.