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All Staff and Students

**COVID-19: STRICT ADHERENCE TO SAFE DISTANCING MEASURES**

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. The University requires all staff and students to observe the [COVID-19 \(Temporary Measures\) Act 2020](#), which came into force on 8 April 2020. While the majority of staff and students are working from, or studying at home, during this “circuit breaker” period, staff and students living in hostels on NUS campuses must not engage in any social gatherings. They must also strictly adhere to the safe distancing measures such as observing physical distancing of at least 1 metre apart from the next person in a queue, and not sit on a seat that is demarcated as not to be occupied. Please also refer to the Dean of Students’ [Update #28](#). Our Campus Security personnel will be on the ground to enforce these precautionary measures. Please note that all non-compliance will be dealt with in accordance to the NUS Code of Conduct and the NUS student disciplinary procedures. The penalties for non-compliance are outlined in [Circular 4](#).
2. As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Singapore, it is absolutely vital that you observe the latest control measures which will help alleviate the community transmission of the virus. We must do everything we can to keep ourselves, our families as well as our community safe and healthy.
3. 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](http://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.