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All Staff and Students

COVID-19: MANDATORY WEARING OF MASKS

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. On 14 April 2020, the Ministry of Health announced that it is now [mandatory to wear a mask when leaving the place of residence](#), including your hostel room. Individuals who are caught not wearing a mask will be fined \$300 on their first offence by the authorities, while those who break the rule a second time will be fined \$1,000.
2. Staff who are working on COVID-19 related research as well as essential services are reminded to wear masks when they leave their homes, and at all times during the course of their work on campus.
3. Students residing in hostels, and those who have been given prior approval to study on campus during this “circuit breaker” period, must wear masks once they leave their hostel rooms and homes respectively.
4. The “circuit breaker” period is in force until 4 May 2020. Students who have not been given prior approval to study on campus, and staff who have not been given prior approval to engage in essential duties during this period, are not allowed to be on campus.
5. NUS Campus Security personnel will be on the ground to enforce these precautionary measures across our campuses. 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](#).
6. All staff and students are to adhere to the stringent national measures to help curb the community transmission of the virus. These measures include daily temperature-taking and checking for flu-like symptoms as well as implementing safe distancing.
7. 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.
- 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.