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NUS Staff and Students

COVID-19: NUS STAFF AMONG NEW COMMUNITY CASES TODAY

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. We would like to inform you that a second research staff has tested positive for COVID-19 on 16 April 2021. The staff is a colleague of the confirmed case announced yesterday who had returned from overseas, and was identified as a close contact. The staff is currently receiving medical treatment and is doing well. Our colleagues are in touch with the staff to provide the necessary support and assistance. We wish the staff a speedy recovery.
2. The staff, who has no teaching duties, was at work at Kent Ridge Campus from 12 to 15 April 2021. While on campus, the staff did not have any symptoms and stayed mostly in the office. The staff developed symptoms later in the evening of 15 April 2021 while at home, and was conveyed to the hospital for a swab test the following day due to contact with the case announced yesterday.
3. All individuals who were in close contact with the affected staff in NUS have been placed on Quarantine Orders. All other individuals who have had casual contact with the affected staff have been requested to work from home, practise safe distancing, monitor their health closely and seek immediate medical attention if they are unwell. We are in regular contact with them to provide the necessary support and assistance.
4. Thorough cleaning and disinfection have been carried out at the office as well as all common areas visited by the individual. The office is currently not accessible to staff or students until further notice.
5. As a precautionary measure, anyone who had been to Techno Edge Canteen at the following dates and times below should monitor their health closely for 14 days from their date of visit. They should see a doctor promptly if they develop symptoms of acute respiratory infection (such as cough, sore throat and runny nose), as well as fever and loss of taste or smell, and inform the doctor of their exposure history.
 - 12 April 2021: 1230h to 1300h
 - 13 April 2021: 1300h to 1400h
 - 14 April 2021: 1300h to 1400h
 - 15 April 2021: 1300h to 1400h
6. Your health and safety are of the highest priority. Please continue to observe all safe management measures on our campuses, which include safe distancing, wearing of masks at all times, declaration of temperature through uNivUS, and the use of TraceTogether and NUSafe app. If you are unwell, please exercise social responsibility and see a doctor immediately.

7. If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email COVID-19@nus.edu.sg.

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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](#).
- Please refer to the [Ministry of Health](#) for the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in Singapore.