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NUS Staff and Students

**COVID-19: TIGHTENED SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AT NUS**

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. On 14 May 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce [announced new tightened measures](#) to arrest the increasing number of cases in the community. In response to these latest COVID-19 safe management measures, NUS will be implementing the following measures below to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

These measures will take effect **from Sunday, 16 May 2021 through Sunday, 13 June 2021**.

- i. Minimising interactions

- a. **Executive & Administrative staff** are to work from home as the default work arrangement, except for staff who need to perform essential duties on campus. Heads of Departments are to implement flexible working hours with staggered start and end times for staff who are required to be on campus. Work activities that are not time sensitive or essential should be deferred. Scheduled F2F training workshops will continue to be conducted with fewer than 50 persons per class and with safe management measures in place.
- b. **Academic staff** are allowed to work from their own offices. This would include teaching online classes. F2F classes with not more than 50 students can still be conducted. Group discussions during F2F classes must be limited to two students per group, with no intermingling between groups (please refer to point ii below). **It is now mandatory for all instructors to wear face masks when conducting F2F classes.** Face shields, in addition to face masks, are optional.
- c. **Research staff and students** in non-laboratory-based research are required to work from home. Research staff and students conducting laboratory-based research are allowed on campus. They should work in two shifts, with no face-to-face contact between the two teams, and must adhere to prevailing safe management measures (safe distancing, wear face masks, etc.) as prescribed by the authorities.
- d. **Students** are to defer non-essential group activities. Co-Curricular Activities including those in the hostels which involve physical interaction are to be deferred or conducted online. All in-person freshmen orientation activities during this period are suspended.

- ii. Group size reduced to two
    - a. All group activities which involve more than two persons are to be deferred or conducted online.
    - b. Individuals must wear face masks and maintain a safe distance of at least 1 metre.
  - iii. Campus dining
    - a. Food consumption in canteens is not allowed. However, food may be consumed in dining halls at hostels; diners are to sit individually at least 2 metres apart from each other.
    - b. Canteens and dining halls are to offer takeaway and delivery options. Staff and students are encouraged to bring their own food containers.
  - iv. Venues with mass gathering
    - a. The NUS Museum, Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum and NUS Libraries are to operate at a reduced capacity of 25%.
    - b. Indoor sports facilities will be closed during this period.
2. 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 the uNivUS app, and the use of TraceTogether and NUSafe app. If you are unwell, please be socially responsible and see a doctor immediately.
  3. If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email [COVID-19@nus.edu.sg](mailto:COVID-19@nus.edu.sg).

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