

CIRCULAR 18

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31 May 2021

Full-time Undergraduates
Full-time Graduate Students
Full-time Continuing and Professional Education Students

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR STUDENTS

Dear Students

- 1. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been working tirelessly to keep NUS safe for our staff and students. This has enabled teaching and learning to continue amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, which would not have been possible without the good work and cooperation from everyone.
- 2. The nation has commenced COVID-19 vaccination since the end of last year, with the plan to vaccinate the population progressively in the coming months. While COVID-19 vaccination is not mandatory, the government is <u>strongly encouraging all Singaporeans to take up the vaccination when it is made available to them given that vaccination is one of the key enablers for Singapore to emerge safely and as quickly as possible from the pandemic.</u>
- 3. As announced by MOE on 31 May 2021, we will be extending the vaccination exercise to our students. By the end of next week, you should have received an SMS invitation to book your vaccination. If you are medically eligible, you are strongly encouraged to book an appointment as early as possible once you have received your SMS notification. (For students under the age of 18, the SMSes will be sent to your parents or legal guardians instead as parental/guardian consent is required for your vaccination.)
- 4. You will receive a SMS invitation with a unique registration link to the National Appointment System (NAS) by the end of next week:
 - (a) Use the SMS to book a vaccination appointment at any of the vaccination centres, 20 polyclinics, or Public Health Preparedness Clinics operating as vaccination sites. You are strongly encouraged to go into the system quickly to book a slot, and to choose the earliest convenient slot for you.
 - (b) Submit a health declaration online via the system.
- 5. If you have not updated your Singapore-registered mobile number in EduRec or if you do not receive your SMS invitation by 12 June 2021, please log in with your NUSNET ID to https://forms.office.com/r/wm2TewKDR3 to update your Singapore-registered mobile number in our student records.
- 6. We would like to strongly encourage you to sign up for vaccination if you are medically eligible. This is to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community.
- 7. 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 both TraceTogether and NUSafe app. If you are



unwell, please be socially responsible and see a doctor immediately.

- 8. Let us continue to stand together in fighting this pandemic, and keeping our institutions, our community and our loved ones safe.
- 9. If you have further questions, please approach the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email COVID-19@nus.edu.sg.
- 10. Thank you.

Dr Peck Thian Guan Senior Director Office of Safety, Health and Environment

Stay updated:

- NUS circulars, FAQs, emergency contact numbers, as well as useful links on the COVID-19 situation are available at emergency.nus.edu.sq.
- 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.

Useful resources

Singapore's COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Brochures

- Protect Your Child Against COVID-19
- Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

FAQs on COVID-19 Vaccination for Students

Appointment Booking Guide for the National Appointment System