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NUS Staff and Students

COVID-19: REVISED SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES ON NUS CAMPUSES AND COVID-19 VACCINATION

Dear Colleagues and Students

- A. <u>Revised Safe Management Measures</u>
- 1. In view of the improved COVID-19 situation in Singapore, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce <u>announced</u> on 10 June 2021 on a calibrated reopening in Singapore as we move gradually back to Phase 3. This will take effect from Monday, 14 June 2021.
- 2. We will also be adjusting our Safe Management Measures (SMM) accordingly on our campuses to keep transmissions in check. With effect **from Monday**, **14 June 2021**:
 - a. The social gathering group size will be increased from 2 persons to 5 persons. The number of social gatherings is limited to no more than two a day.
 - b. NUS Libraries and museums can operate at 50% capacity, an increase from the previous capacity of 25%.
 - c. Face-to-face classes will remain capped at a maximum of 50 persons (including teaching staff) per venue, with the prevailing SMMs implemented.
 - d. Working from home will remain as the default work arrangement until further notice. There is no change in work arrangements for academic staff and lab-based research staff.

B. COVID-19 vaccination for staff and students

- 3. As announced in OSHE <u>Circular 17</u> and <u>Circular 18</u> respectively, the Ministry of Education has extended COVID-19 vaccination to NUS staff and students. Vaccination is a key enabler to protect ourselves and our loved ones against COVID-19, minimise transmission in the community and enable Singapore to re-open further, allow more social activities to resume, and facilitate the recovery of our economy.
- 4. We strongly encourage everyone to sign up for vaccination as soon as possible, if you are medically eligible:
 - a. Staff under the age of 40 would have earlier received an SMS invitation to book your vaccination. If you have not received your SMS invitation, please let us know at <u>ohrbox5@nus.edu.sg</u>. To avoid duplicate entries within the system, staff should <u>not</u> self-register again via <u>www.vaccine.gov.sg</u> if you have already booked your vaccination appointment under the MOE prioritisation exercise.



- b. Eligible students would have received an SMS invitation to book your vaccination. For students under the age of 18, the SMSes have been sent to your parents or legal guardians instead as parental/guardian consent is required for your vaccination. If you have not received your SMS invitation, please log in with your NUSNET ID to <u>https://forms.office.com/r/wm2TewKDR3</u> to update your Singaporeregistered mobile number in our student records.
- c. As announced on 10 June 2021, Singaporeans aged 12 to 39 years can register interest for vaccination via <u>www.vaccine.gov.sg</u> from 11 June 2021. We encourage Class of 2021 graduates to sign up for vaccination if medically eligible.

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.

Let us continue to work together to keep our campus community as well as our family and friends safe. If you have further questions, please approach the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email <u>COVID-19@nus.edu.sg</u>.

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 <u>emergency.nus.edu.sg</u>.
- The latest NUS-related news, research and commentaries on COVID-19 are available <u>here</u>.
- Please refer to the <u>Ministry of Health</u> 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