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Staff and Students

**COVID-19: AN UPDATE ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES AT NUS CAMPUSES**

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. On 7 July 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced its [updated approach](#) to the calibrated reopening of Phase 3 in Singapore as community cases continue to stabilise in recent days. The revised measures will take effect from Monday, 12 July 2021.
2. With effect **from Monday, 12 July 2021**, our Safe Management Measures (SMMs) will be adjusted accordingly on our campuses to help mitigate community transmission of the virus, as follows:
  - a. Work arrangements
    - i. **Executive and Administrative (E&A) staff and non-lab-based research staff and students** will continue to work from home until further notice as per the default work arrangement. Meetings of up to 5 persons on campus is permitted, but they must not remain on campus after the meeting is over. There is no change to the work arrangements for staff involved in essential work.
    - ii. **Lab-based research staff and students** are allowed to return to campus to conduct their laboratory work. They need not be grouped into teams or shifts. However, they would need to observe safe distancing measures of at least 2 m between individuals while in the lab. Research work which can be conducted from home should continue as such.
    - iii. **Academic staff and senior E&A staff (Directors and above)** may return to campus and work in their own individual rooms.
  - b. Campus dining

Staff and students can consume food at the canteens and dining outlets, but each table is to be limited to **5** persons. Masks must be worn at all times, except when eating or drinking. Kindly also refrain from talking when having the meal.
  - c. Sporting activities

Sports and exercise activities can resume at the gyms and indoor areas in group sizes of up to **5** persons, and in classes of up to **50** persons including the instructor (or up to the capacity limit of the venue, whichever is lower), with safe distancing of at least 2 m between individuals and 3 m between groups. Group size for outdoor activities is increased from 2 to **5** persons. Masks may be removed for strenuous activities but must be put on immediately after the activity.

3. The following SMMs which were introduced since 14 June 2021 remain unchanged.
  - a. NUS Libraries and museums can operate at **50%** capacity, an increase from the previous capacity of 25%.
  - b. Face-to-face classes will remain capped at a maximum of **50** persons (including teaching staff) per venue, with the prevailing SMMs implemented.

Please continue to observe our safety 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.

If you have further questions, please approach the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email [COVID-19@nus.edu.sg](mailto:COVID-19@nus.edu.sg).

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](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.