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Staff and Students

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

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. On 16 July 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced its [updated approach](#) on the **tightening of selected Safe Management Measures (SMMs) in Phase 3 (Heightened Alert)** for higher-risk indoor, mask-off settings so as to mitigate further community spread. The revised measures will take effect from today, 19 July 2021.
2. With effect **from Monday, 19 July 2021 through to Sunday, 8 August 2021** (both dates inclusive), the University's SMMs will be adjusted accordingly on our campuses to help mitigate community transmission of the virus, as follows:
  - a. Work arrangements
    - i. **Social and recreational gatherings at the workplace will be disallowed** and work-related events should not be served food and beverage.
    - ii. Work arrangements as stated in [OSHE Circular 23](#) dated 10 July 2021 remain in effect.
    - iii. Work-from-home will continue to remain as the default arrangement.
  - b. Campus dining
    - i. Staff and students can consume food at the canteens, food courts and dining halls in the hostels, but **each table is reduced from 5 persons to 2 persons**. Masks must be worn at all times, except when eating or drinking. Please also refrain from talking when having the meal.
    - ii. As fully-vaccinated individuals have good protection against infection and severe illness, and are also less likely to infect others as compared to unvaccinated individuals, **we will allow fully-vaccinated individuals to continue to dine in groups of up to 5 persons, at participating F&B establishments on campus that have systems in place to check the status of such individuals.**

An individual is considered fully-vaccinated two weeks after he or she has received two doses of Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty or Moderna vaccines. Unvaccinated individuals with a valid negative pre-event test (PET) result or recovered individuals are of similarly lower risk, and may also join in such groups of 5.

c. Sporting activities

- i. Indoor high-intensity mask-off activities: **Only group sizes of no more than 2 persons** (reduced from 5 persons) is allowed, in classes of up to **30 persons** (reduced from 50 persons), including the instructor, without the need for testing or vaccination.
- ii. Outdoor activities (mask-on and mask-off) and indoor mask-on activities: These can continue 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. 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.
- 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.