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Staff and Students

COVID-19: (1) UPDATE OF VACCINATION STATUS AND (2) PILOT PROGRAMME ON FAST AND EASY TESTS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Dear Colleagues and Students

Updating Your Vaccination Status

1. From 5 August 2021, all staff and students are invited to update their COVID-19 vaccination status on uNivUS. We strongly encourage everyone to update their vaccination status. This will enable the University to plan for a safer return to campus for our community, while adhering to prevailing safe management measures.
2. Staff and students may update, on a voluntary basis, their vaccination status by clicking on the new "Vaccination" button under the Health Declaration section on uNivUS. Reload or update your uNivUS app from your mobile phone's App Store to see the new features.

- If you have completed both doses of Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty or Moderna vaccines which are approved for use in Singapore, please select "Upload Singapore Certificate" and upload a PDF of your vaccination certificate which can be obtained from www.healthhub.sg. You are considered to be fully vaccinated 14 days after receiving your second dose of the vaccine. We will align and update this definition in accordance with the latest guidelines from the Ministry of Health.

For those who have received both doses of the Sinovac vaccine locally, you may also upload the certificate.

- Even if you have received only the first dose of one of the COVID-19 vaccines referred to above, we also ask that you do the same. Your vaccination status will be reflected as "in progress". Please remember to update your vaccination status again after you have received the second dose of the vaccine.
 - If you have been vaccinated outside of Singapore, please select "Upload Overseas Certificate" and follow the instructions to upload your vaccination certificate. This pertains to the situation where you have received a full course of vaccination with a vaccine on the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Emergency Use List (EUL).
3. You are encouraged to update your vaccination status by 9 August 2021, or as soon as you have started your vaccination process. For step-by-step instructions, please refer to the guide on the [NUS Emergency website](#).
 4. Vaccination is a key enabler to protect ourselves and our loved ones against COVID-19, minimise transmission in the community, allow more social activities to resume and enable Singapore to re-open further. We urge everyone who have yet to be vaccinated and are

medically eligible for vaccination to sign up for it at www.vaccine.gov.sg as soon as possible.

Pilot Programme on Fast and Easy Tests (FET) For All Students and Staff

5. Frequent, convenient and widespread testing is an important enabler that allows for more economic and social activities to continue in a safe manner, even as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve.
6. Hence, we will be conducting regular Fast and Easy Tests (FET) for all students and staff as a pilot – using Antigen Rapid Test (ART) self-test kits – starting from 10 August 2021.
7. The implementation of this pilot is an added precaution to safeguard the health of our students and staff. It will enable quick detection and better containment of community spread of the virus, in the event of any confirmed COVID-19 cases. The frequency of the FET, using ART self-test kits, will vary depending on the individual's vaccination status and whether he/she is a resident on campus, as shown in the table below:

	Vaccination Status	Pilot FET Frequency & Implementation
Residents on campus	Fully Vaccinated*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing will commence from 10 August 2021 • Proctored self-swab test once a month***
	In Progress**/ Not Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing will commence from 10 August 2021 • Proctored self-swab test once a week***
Non-residents	Fully Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-swab test required before 1st visit to campus, effective from 10 August 2021 • Subsequently, self-swab test required every 20th visit to campus (i.e. before 21st visit)****
	In Progress/ Not Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-swab test required before 1st visit to campus, effective from 10 August 2021 • Subsequently, self-swab test required every 5th visit to campus (i.e. before 6th visit)****
<p>NUS will be providing the FET self-test kits for all students and staff. Test kits may be collected from 5 August 2021. Please visit the NUS Emergency website for details on the collection of test kits, instructions on how to conduct a self-test, as well as FAQs.</p>		

*You are fully vaccinated only 14 days after receiving your second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. We will align and update this definition in accordance with the latest guidelines from the Ministry of Health.

**If you have received only the first dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine, your vaccination status will be "In Progress".

***Residents will be receiving more information from their Hall Masters on FET implementation.

****For non-residents, uNivUS will help you keep track of your visits to campus as long as you are connected to NUS WiFi from your mobile device. You will receive a prompt from uNivUS when you

are due to take a self-swab test.

8. NUS students and staff serving in the medical sectors (as medical practitioners or other frontline roles) and who are already subject to their respective mandatory Rostered Routine Testing regime may be exempted from the FET pilot. They can submit an exemption through their respective Faculty Dean's offices. Staff and students belonging to this group may also opt to participate in the FET pilot.
9. Students and staff must ensure that they are connected to NUS Wi-Fi on their mobile device when on campus.
10. Please continue to observe all safe management measures on our campuses, which include practising 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 exercise social responsibility and see a doctor immediately.
11. If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email COVID-19@nus.edu.sg.

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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.
- 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.