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Staff and Students

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

Dear Colleagues and Students

1. On 6 August 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced a review of the Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) measures, and will allow some [easing of the measures](#) in two steps. The first will take effect from 10 August 2021, and the second from 19 August 2021, if conditions remain stable.

NUS will be implementing the following Safe Management Measures (SMMs) from **Tuesday, 10 August 2021** as we prepare for a calibrated resumption of operations at our campuses.

a. Work arrangements

- i. Work from home will continue to remain as default until 18 August, except for essential workers.
- ii. Senior E&A staff (Directors and above) may return to campus and work in their own individual rooms.
- iii. In-person meetings of up to **5 persons** on campus are permitted, but unvaccinated staff must not remain on campus after the meeting is over.
- iv. Social gatherings are not allowed.

b. Academic activities

Face-to-face classes will remain capped at a maximum of **50 persons** (including teaching staff) per venue, with the prevailing SMMs. If group work is needed, group size should be capped at five.

c. Research activities

Research activities (lab-based):

- i. Lab-based research staff and students can return to campus to conduct their laboratory work. They need not be grouped into teams or shifts if all lab occupants are vaccinated. If there are any unvaccinated persons in the lab, the maximum occupancy is reduced to 50%.
- ii. Lab users must observe safe distancing of at least 1m between individuals while in the lab.

Research activities (not lab-based):

- i. Only researchers who are vaccinated are permitted to return to campus to work. Unvaccinated researchers should continue to work from home, except for meetings on campus.
 - ii. In person meetings of up to **5 persons** on campus are permitted, but unvaccinated researchers must not remain on campus after the meeting is over.
- d. Campus dining
- i. Canteens: **Two diners per table** regardless of vaccination status. For their own health and safety, unvaccinated diners are strongly encouraged to dine alone.
 - ii. Other F&B outlets: Up to **5 diners per table** for fully vaccinated customers only; takeaway option for non-vaccinated customers.
- e. Sporting and CCA activities
- i. Indoor and outdoor mask-on CCAs can resume in **groups of 5** regardless of vaccination status. Number of participants per event is capped at 50.
 - ii. Indoor high intensity sports & gyms (unmasked): Only vaccinated individuals may participate in groups of **5 persons up to a maximum of 30 participants** or the capacity limit of the venue, whichever is lower. Unvaccinated individuals are not permitted to take part in indoor high intensity sports activities, unless they have a valid negative Pre-Event Testing result.
 - iii. Indoor low intensity sports (masked): Multiple groups of **5 persons up to 50 participants** or the capacity limit of the venue whichever is lower.
- f. Venues with mass gatherings

The NUS Museum, Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum and NUS Libraries are to continue to operate at a **reduced capacity of 25%** until further notice.

2. For your safety and well-being, 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 the uNivUS app, and the use of TraceTogether and NUSafe app. If you are unwell, please be socially responsible and see a doctor immediately.
3. If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email COVID-19@nus.edu.sg.

Happy National Day to all Singaporeans!

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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.