Frequently Asked Questions

Updating of Vaccination Status

1. Will I be penalised if I choose not to declare my vaccination status?

- Updating of your vaccination status on uNivUS is voluntary.
- Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated; those who are medically ineligible for vaccination; those who choose not to be vaccinated for personal reasons; or those who prefer not to update their vaccination status on uNivUS will be required to go for more frequent Fast and Easy Tests (FET).
- Unvaccinated individuals are susceptible to infection and its consequences, and are far more likely to transmit infection to others.

2. Which vaccinations are approved for use in Singapore? If I was administered another COVID-19 vaccine overseas, will that be accepted by the University?

- Currently, only the Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are approved under the Pandemic Special Access Route, and the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine is available under the Special Access Route for use in Singapore.
- If you have been administered COVID-19 vaccines overseas, you are also invited to upload your vaccination certificate or record as well.

3. Is my personal data safe?

- Only relevant information from your vaccination certificate or record will be extracted for purposes of updating your vaccination status on uNivUS.
- This documentation will be permanently deleted from our database after verification.

Pilot Fast and Easy Tests (FET) for All Staff and Students

4. Why do fully vaccinated individuals still need to be tested so frequently?

- COVID-19 vaccines approved in Singapore have shown to be effective in preventing symptomatic and severe disease. However, some vaccinated persons may still be infected and may still transmit the virus to others.
- As we are committed to safeguarding the health and safety of our community, strict safe management measures have been implemented on campus. These are aligned with the national requirements on testing. In addition, the vast majority of our students and staff have signed up for vaccinations. For NUS, we have taken an additional step to pilot the use of FET. This will enable quick detection and better containment of community spread of the virus, in the event of any confirmed COVID-19 cases.

5. Why do residents on campus need to be tested more often? Why are self-swab Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) for hostel residents supervised?

- Hostel residents are a priority group for this pilot programme, in view of the high-density and communal-living environment which has been demonstrated to confer higher risks of transmission.

- Self-swab ART for hostel residents will be proctored for a start as we roll out the FET pilot to ensure that testing is conducted effectively and accurately.
- We will review the frequency and operations of our FET pilot, taking into consideration the vaccination status of the NUS community.

6. **Why are students and staff serving in medical sectors exempt from the FET?**

- 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 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.

7. **How will the FET be conducted? How much will the FET cost? Will I need to purchase the test kits?**

- The cost of the self-swab test kits will be borne by NUS. Each individual will be provided self-test kits for their personal use. These are not to be put up for sale.
- Please refer to the [NUS Emergency website](#) for details on the implementation of the FET pilot, including the collection of the self-test kits.

8. **How long will these measures last for?**

- The FET pilot will be implemented for all students and staff from 10 August 2021.
- We will continue to closely monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation in Singapore and overseas, and adjust our safe management measures accordingly.

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