

Pilot Programme on COVID-19 Fast and Easy Tests for All NUS Students and Staff (Non-Resident) Starting on Tuesday 10 August 2021

09 August 2021

Introduction

- As [announced](#) by the Ministry of Health on 31 May 2021, regular surveillance testing will be rolled out to more settings progressively, starting with student hostels in autonomous universities. Hence, we will be introducing a regular Fast and Easy Test (FET) regime for all students and staff as a pilot programme – using Antigen Rapid Test (ART) self-test kits – starting from 10 August 2021. The implementation of this pilot programme 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 event of any confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Testing Criteria, Frequency and Validity

- 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	FET Frequency & Implementation
All Students & Staff (Non-Resident)	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)^{***}
Hostel Residents on campus	Fully Vaccinated*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing will commence from 10 August 2021 Subsequently, proctored self-swab test once a Month
	In Progress**/ Not Vaccinated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing will commence from 10 August 2021 Subsequently, proctored self-swab test once a week

Please visit the OSHE [NUS Emergency](#) website for details, including FAQs.

**You are fully vaccinated only 14 days after receiving your second dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.*

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

****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.*

Reporting of Test Result and Counting of Validity

3. The pilot programme FET test for all NUS students, staff and residents starts on Tuesday 10 August 2021.
4. Students and staff are to update the uNivUS App in their mobile phones to the latest version from Thursday 05 August 2021 onwards for the collection of test kits; and from Monday 09 August 2021 onwards for uploading the Self-Test results.
5. NUS students and staff (Non-Resident) should do their first self-test before they come to campus starting from Tuesday 10 August 2021 onwards.
 - a. Student and staff should collect their box of 2-Test Kits as early as possible, starting from Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021, from Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021 in the initial collection period. Subsequently, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, every week at the specific collection points.
 - b. For those who have collected before Tuesday 10 August 2021, they should do their test at home before coming to campus starting from Tuesday 10 August 2021.
 - c. Those who do not collect the test kits before Tuesday 10 August 2021, starting from Tuesday 10 August 2021, they will have to collect their test kits on the day when they come to campus and ensure they complete the test before their next visit to campus. Starting from Tuesday 10 August 2021 onwards, the first day when they come onto campus and done the self-test, will be the Day 1 of their 05 On-Campus-Days or 20 On-Campus-Days respectively. Examples:
 - i. **Non-Vaccinated Student A** comes to campus on Tuesday 10 August 2021, does the self-test at home before coming to campus, Tuesday 10 August 2021 is the Day 1 of 05 On-Campus-Days of validity.
 - ii. **Non-Vaccinated Staff B** comes to campus on Wed 18 August 2021, only collect the test kits on Wed 18 August 2021, does the self-test before his/her next visit to campus, the date of his/her next visit to campus is the Day 1 of 05 On-Campus Days of validity. Staff B will be prompted by the uNivUS to do the self-test and upload the test result before the next visit to campus.
 - iii. **Vaccinated Student C** comes to campus on Friday 27 August 2021, does the self-test at home before coming to campus, Friday 27 August 2021 is the Day 1 of 20 On-Campus-Days of validity.
 - iv. **Vaccinated Staff D** comes to campus on Tuesday 07 Sep 2021, only collect the test kits on Tuesday 07 Sep 2021, does the self-test before his/her next visit to campus, the date of his/her next visit to campus is the Day 1 of 20 On-Campus-Days of validity. Staff D will be prompted by the uNivUS to do the self-test and upload the test result before the next visit to campus.
6. There may be students or staff who come to campus, starting from Monday 10 August 2021 onwards, either have collected or have not collected the box of 2-Test Kits, but have not done / do not do the self-test when they come to campus or on-campus after collection on the same day, for example:
 - a. A Student/Staff E comes to campus on Day 1 (Wednesday 11 August), Day 2 (Friday 13 August), Day 3 (Saturday 14 August), Day 4 (Monday 16 August), Day 5 (Thursday

02 Sep), without doing the Self-Test, uNivUS will prompt the Student/Staff E on the Day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, that '**Please perform and upload a Self-Test result before you come to campus again.**'. NUS administration may follow up with the student and staff when this happens with the appropriate support and actions.

- b. The above scenario may also happen to students or staff who only visit campus at a much later date, for example, in September, October or November 2021.

Collection of Test Kits

7. Eligibility to Collect and Collection Period

a. Eligibility to Collect

- i. Students and staff are to update the uNivUS App in their mobile phones to the latest version from Thursday 05 August 2021 onwards for the collection of test kits. They can use the uNivUS Self-Test App to check their eligibility status for the collection of test kits. See [Guide](#).
- ii. All Non-Resident NUS students and staff shall collect their test kits from the collection points as listed below.
- iii. All Hostel Residents shall collect their test kits from their respective hostel management offices.
- iv. The test kits are provided free of charge to all students, staff and hostel residents in this pilot programme. It comes in a box of 2-Test Kits. The box of 2-Test Kits is NOT FOR SALE.
- v. To be eligible to collect the subsequent box of 2-test kits after the student/staff has collected the initial first box set, the student/staff has to use up the TWO test kits in the box as according to the individual's testing schedule (as stated in Para 2) and upload the TWO separate test results in the uNivUS Self-Test App.
- vi. If only ONE test result has been uploaded in the uNivUS Self-Test App after using up the two test kits in the box, the student/staff is NOT eligible to collect the next box set. In that case, the student/staff has to acquire his/her own test kit to do the self-test and upload the second test result in order to be eligible to collect the next box of 2-Test Kits.

b. Collection Period

- i. There will be two initial collection periods of the test kits; from Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021, and from Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021.
- ii. Subsequently from Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points.

8. Collection Points for All NUS students and staff (Non-Resident)

- a. All NUS students and staff (Non-Resident) can collect the test-kits from the following collection points at the stated collection periods:

S/No	Campus	Collection Point	Remarks
1.	Kent Ridge	University Sports Centre, Sports Hall, Level 3	<p>a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021.</p> <p>b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021.</p>
2.	Kent Ridge	Paris/Tokyo Room, Next to Office of Student Affairs, Level 3, Yusof Ishak House	<p>a. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice.</p>
3.	Kent Ridge	Ventus Building, Visitor Reception Office	<p>a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021.</p> <p>b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021.</p> <p>c. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice.</p>
4.	University Town	Visitor Centre, Stephen Riady Centre level 1 (next to Rock Climbing Wall).	<p>a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021.</p> <p>b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021.</p> <p>c. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice.</p>
5.	Yale-NUS College	<p>Yale-NUS College</p> <p>a. Elm RC Office (for Elm Residents, Non-resident Students and Faculty)</p> <p>b. Saga RC Office (for Saga Residents, Non-resident Students and Faculty)</p> <p>c. Cendana RC Office (for Cendana</p>	<p>ALL Yale-NUS College students and staff (both residents and non-residents in Yale-NUS College) to collect from Yale-NUS College distribution point.</p> <p>a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021.</p> <p>b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021.</p> <p>c. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice.</p>

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		Residents, Non-resident Students and Faculty) d. Infrastructure, Safety and Security Office (for Non-Resident Staff)	d. Or, refer to and follow the instruction given by Yale-NUS College.
6.	Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School	SHERIC Office, Level 4 Annex, Duke-NUS.	<u>ALL</u> Duke-NUS students and staff to collect from Duke-NUS distribution point. a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021. b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021. c. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice. e. Or, refer to and follow the instruction given by Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School.
7.	Bukit Timah Campus	Faculty of Law, Student Counter, Level 2, Block B.	<u>ALL</u> the FoL students and staff, staff from Law Library and Tower B, to collect from FoL distribution point. a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021. b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021. c. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards, collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice.
8.	Bukit Timah Campus	Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	<u>ALL</u> LKYSPP students and staff, and College Green, to collect from LKYSPP distribution point. a. From Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 06 August 2021. b. From Tuesday 10 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021. c. From Monday 16 August 2021 onwards,

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			collection will be on the two specific workdays, Tuesday and Thursday, during office hours, every week at the specific collection points, till further notice.

9. Booking of Collection Timeslots

- a. To prevent overcrowding situation at the collection points at **Kent Ridge Campus (University Sports Complex and Ventus Building), University Town, Faculty of Law at Bukit Timah Campus**, Non- Resident students and staff are to select and book their collection timeslots via the **FET Test Kits Collection Timeslot Booking System**, for collection from Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021. Booking of timeslots is not required for the other collection points.
- b. When making the booking of the collection timeslot, please note the following:
 - i. Do not double book your appointment.
 - ii. Use ONLY your NUS email address to book your timeslot.
 - iii. You will receive an email confirmation of your selected timeslot.
 - iv. You can change, reschedule or cancel your booking after the confirmation.
 - v. Procedure of making booking
 - 1) Click on the **FET Test Kits Collection Timeslot Booking System** to book your collection timeslot.
 - 2) Select a date from the calendar within the 06 working weekdays from Thursday 05 August 2021 to Friday 13 August 2021.
 - 3) Select a timeslot from the 16 x 30-minutes timeslots for collection indicated as 9.00am, 9.30am, 10.00am, 10.30am, 11.00am, 11.30am, 12.00pm, 12.30pm, 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm, 2.30pm, 3.00pm, 3.30pm, 4.00pm, 4.30pm.
 - 4) Input the full name of Non-Resident student/staff.
 - 5) Input ONLY the NUS email address of the Non-Resident student/staff.
 - 6) Confirm booking.
 - a) A confirmation notification will be shown on the screen immediately.
 - b) A confirmation email will be sent to the registered NUS email account.
 - c) Non-Resident students and staff can change, reschedule or cancel their booking from their confirmation email.

10. Collection Procedure of 01 box of 2-Test Kits per student/staff at the collection point

- a. Each student, staff and resident is only allowed to collect 01 box of 2-Test Kits (see picture) at each collection. Eligibility of student, staff and resident to collect test kits is based on the individual's record in the uNivUS App.



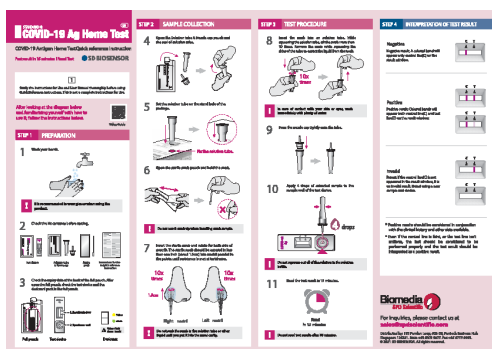
NUS FET Test Kits issued to NUS students and staff is a box of 2-Test Kits.

- b. Procedure for the collection of the 01 box of 2-Test Kits at the collection point.
 - i. Student/staff comes to the collection point, must observe the SMMs and follow the instructions at the collection point. Student/staff is to have his/her valid NUSafe Green Pass as he/she may be asked to present it for NUS SMM compliance.
 - ii. Student/staff can use the uNivUS Self-Test App to check his/her eligibility status for the collection of test kits.
 - iii. Student/staff will be shown the 'Test Kit Collection QR Code'.
 - iv. The student/staff is to use his/her uNivUS QR Code Reader in the mobile phone to scan the 'Test Kit Collection QR Code'. See [Guide](#) to scan.
 - v. The uNivUS App will check and show on the uNivUS App if the student/staff is eligible to collect a box of 2-Test Kits.
 - vi. Student/staff is to show the uNivUS result page to the manning staff.
 - vii. If collection is allowed shown on uNivUS result page, manning staff will hand over 01 box of 2-Test Kits, together with a set of printed Self-Test Kit instruction.

Conduct of Self-Test using the FET

11. Self-Test Procedure (with pdf file and video link)

- a. Students and staff should refer to the [SD Biosensor Home Self-Test Kit instruction](#) to familiarize themselves with the use of the test kit and the procedure of conducting of Self-Test.



[SD Biosensor Home Self-Test Kit instruction](#)

- b. Students and staff should click the [Home Test Kits | SDcovidkit.com](https://www.sd.gov/health-care/SDcovidkit.com) for the video demonstration and instruction on the use of the test kit, and for the procedure of conducting the Self-Test.

Students and staff may like to refer to [MOH FET ART Self-Test website](https://www.sd.gov/health-care/MOH-FET-ART-Self-Test-website) for a step-by-step visual guide on how to perform a COVID-19 self-test. At the end of the self-test, students and staff are NOT to upload their results on the MOH's website as per the MOH video. Instead, they are to **upload their test results using the uNivUS Self-Test App on their mobile phones**. See [Guide on Uploading of Test Result Photo into uNivUS Self-Test App](https://www.sd.gov/health-care/Guide-on-Uploading-of-Test-Result-Photo-into-uNivUS-Self-Test-App).

- c. Before starting the Self-Test, check and ensure that you are suitable to do the Self-Test against the three conditions listed below. You are NOT suitable to take the Self-Test if you answer 'YES' to any of the following conditions.
- i. If you have any acute respiratory infection (ARI) symptoms such as fever, cough, flu, or runny nose, please do not perform any ART self-testing and visit UHC Clinic, or a SASH clinic listed on phpc.gov.sg.
 - ii. If you have a nosebleed in the past 24 hours, or nasal surgery in the last 4 weeks, or facial surgery in the last 8 weeks, do not perform any FET self-testing at home. Instead, please visit University Health Centre (UHC) Clinic, or a licensed ART provider for a private-paid ART to be conducted.
- d. Students and staff are encouraged to acquire their own disposable plastic gloves for conducting the self- test.
- e. Before you perform the test, ensure the following:
- i. You are in a well-ventilated room (e.g. next to an open window), away from others.
 - ii. Find a flat surface to place your cartridge. You may need a mirror and a timer to guide you.
 - iii. The surface use can be easily cleaned and wiped down (your bathroom may be a good place to conduct the self-test).
 - iv. Make a small cross-cut or punch a small hole on the paper test kit box for holding up the solution tube to facilitate the test (see Step 5 on the SD Biosensor Home Self-Test Procedure Instructions in Para 11.a.).
 - v. Wash hands before starting the self-test.
- f. Doing the Self-Test. Follow the pdf file, or [MOH FET ART Self-Test website](https://www.sd.gov/health-care/MOH-FET-ART-Self-Test-website) for a step-by-step visual guide, or the SD Biosensor test kit video guide [Home Test Kits | SDcovidkit.com](https://www.sd.gov/health-care/Home-Test-Kits-SDcovidkit.com), to do your test.

Reporting and Uploading of Test Result. Obtain the result after the 15 minutes wait. Use the uNivUS Self-Test App to take a photograph and upload the test result within 30 minutes of getting the result. See [Guide on Uploading of Test Result Photo into uNivUS Self-Test App](https://www.sd.gov/health-care/Guide-on-Uploading-of-Test-Result-Photo-into-uNivUS-Self-Test-App).

- g. Dispose of the used test kit properly.
- i. Bag all used items in the test kit into one plastic bag or sealable bag (eg zip-lock bag) and seal it.
 - ii. Place the sealed bag into another plastic bag. Tie the second bag tightly with a rubber band or cable tie.

- iii. Throw it into a rubbish chute or pedal bin immediately.
- h. Wash hands after completing the self-test.

Response to Test Result

12. **Negative Result.** Even if you test negative, please stay vigilant. Do continue to observe safe distancing measures and practice good personal hygiene such as regular handwashing and wearing a mask when leaving your home. Continue to monitor your health and test yourself where necessary.
13. **Invalid Result.** An invalid test may mean that the test was not performed correctly. You must perform a second ART test immediately. If your second ART test is still invalid, besides uploading into the uNivUS Self-Test App, you are to take a photo of the test result(s) with your identification document (ID) in the same photo and visit UHC Clinic, or a SASH clinic immediately for a confirmatory PCR test. The list of SASH clinics may be found at phpc.gov.sg. Please bring (1) the photo of your results + ID together and (2) your physical ID (NRIC/Passport) to the clinic. Follow the steps as listed in Para 14 below.
14. **Positive Result.** You have declared a Positive (+ve) FET result. Please do the following:
 - a. Immediately wear a mask properly at ALL TIMES.
 - b. Inform your Faculty Dean's Office/Department Office/Master and Management Office of your hostel, and follow their instructions.
 - c. Go to UHC Clinic, or a Public Health Preparedness Clinic (PHPC) phpc.gov.sg participating in the Swab and Send Home (SASH) initiative to see a doctor soonest possible and get a confirmatory PCR swab test done.
 - d. Return to your residence and follow the instruction of Medical Leave and the associated Stay Home Notice for self-isolation.
 - e. Follow the instruction of your hostel management for arrangement for self-isolation and compliance of LOA.
 - f. Wait for the confirmatory PCR swab test result. Check your result on SMS, or HealthHub, or TraceTogether App.
 - g. Inform your Faculty Dean's Office/Department Office/Master and Management Office of your hostel of the confirmatory PCR swab test result and follow their instructions.
 - h. If you are confirmatory PCR swab tested Positive (+ve), you are to remain self-isolated in your residence, observe all SMMs and wait for MOH to arrange transportation to take you to the hospital.
 - i. If you are confirmatory PCR swab tested Negative (-ve), you are to free to resume your normal activities.

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