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Staff and Students

**MOVING TOWARDS COVID-19 RESILIENCE**

Dear Colleagues and Students

As Singapore moves into the stabilisation phase, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce has announced that employees who are unable to work from home are encouraged [to carry out regular self-testing](#) (known as Fast and Easy Testing or FET) using Antigen Rapid Tests to keep the workplace safe.

For the protection of the campus community, the University will be increasing the frequency of FET testing, which was introduced as a pilot programme on 10 August 2021, for all staff and students.

**1. Increasing the frequency of FET testing and vaccinated differentiated Safe Management Measures (SMMs)**

The following is effective **from 4 October 2021**:

- a. For staff and students NOT residing on campus, you are to do regular FET testing and have a valid FET test result uploaded onto uNivUS before coming to campus:
  - i. If you are fully vaccinated, **your FET test result is valid for 7 consecutive days, inclusive of the day of testing.**
  - ii. If you are unvaccinated<sup>1</sup>, **your FET test result is valid for 4 consecutive days, inclusive of the day of testing.**
  - iii. You need not do the FET test if you do not intend to come to campus, or if the result is within the validity period.

*Please see Annex A.*

- b. For hostel residents,
  - i. If you are fully vaccinated, you are required to do the FET test **every Sunday** and upload the results onto uNivUS.

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<sup>1</sup> The determination of vaccination status will be via the uploaded Vaccination record system in uNivUS.

uNivUS will show either 'Vaccinated', 'No Vaccination Record' or 'Vaccination in Progress' status. These categories mean your vaccination certificate has been uploaded, you are unvaccinated, or you have yet to complete the full vaccination regimen/have not converted your overseas vaccination into the Singapore vaccination respectively. Having an 'unvaccinated' status means you have a 'No Vaccination Record' or 'Vaccination in Progress' status in uNivUS.

- ii. If you are unvaccinated, you are required to do the FET test **every Sunday and Wednesday**, and upload the results onto uNivUS.

*Please see Annex B.*

## 2. Collection of FET test kits

- a. Staff and students will be issued FET test kits free of charge. The test kits can be collected at the following collection points till **Thursday, 28 October 2021**:

	Collection points		Day/Time **
1.	Ventus	Next to Reception Office	Mon and Wed
2.	UTown	Stephen Riady Centre, Level 1 Visitor Centre (next to Rock Climbing Wall).	Tue and Thurs
3.	Yusof Ishak House	Office of Student Affairs, Level 3	Tue and Thurs
4.	Bukit Timah Campus	Faculty of Law, Student Counter, Level 2, Block B	Mon to Fri
		Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Distribution Points	Mon to Fri
5.	Duke-NUS	SHERIC Office, Level 4 Annex	Mon to Fri

\*\* Operating hours will be from 9 am to 5pm.

- b. Staff and students who are vaccinated will be eligible to collect 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 2 test results.
- c. Staff and students who are unvaccinated will be eligible to collect a maximum of 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 4 test results onto uNivUS. They have to purchase the additional box of 2 test kits at own cost to complete the uploading of 4 test results, before they are eligible to collect the next 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge.
- d. Staff and students who are unvaccinated due to medical reasons should visit University Health Centre (UHC) for a free medical consultation on their vaccination eligibility. If approved by the UHC doctor, you will be eligible to collect 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 2 test results.
- e. Your eligibility to collect the test kits will be indicated in your uNivUS app.
- f. The University is in the process of setting up vending machines at strategic locations across campus for self-collection of FET test kits. More information will be shared at a later date.

### 3. NUSafe Red Pass

With effect **from 4 October 2021**, the NUSafe Red Pass will be given when a staff/student on campus **DOES NOT**:

- declare health status **or**
- upload FET based on the required frequency **or**
- connect to WiFi on mobile **or**
- download TraceTogether app on mobile **or**
- turn on bluetooth on mobile.

Staff and students who do not comply with the prescribed testing schedule will receive a Red Pass until the test result is uploaded, provided all the other above criteria are met.

### 4. Restriction of services for non-compliance

The Red Pass will result in the following additional restrictions, which will come into effect in **November 2021**, after the introduction of the vending machines (exact date to be advised later):

- a. Students on campus without a valid FET result on uNivUS, Health Declaration or TraceTogether installed on their mobile phones will have their WiFi access restricted. They will only be able to access key services on the uNivUS app such as 'FET upload', 'Health Declaration', 'Crowd Insight' and 'NUSafe' functions. WiFi access to the Internet and all other campus applications (including LumiNUS) will be blocked for the day.
- b. Staff on campus without a valid FET result on uNivUS, Health Declaration or TraceTogether installed on their mobile phones will not be able to access their emails for the day.

### 5. Vaccination and declaration of vaccination status

Staff and students are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and update their vaccination status in uNivUS.

Those who were vaccinated overseas with the vaccines on the WHO EUL list are advised to take a serology test. Serology tests are available at selected clinics, including the UHC. Taking the test at UHC is strictly by appointment, which can be booked via its website. If you have a positive result, your vaccination status will be recorded in the National Immunisation Registry. Otherwise, you will be considered unvaccinated.

6. We urge you to observe all safe management measures on our campuses, which include safe distancing, wearing of masks at all times, declaration of health status 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. DO NOT come to campus.**
7. If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email [COVID-19@nus.edu.sg](mailto: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](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.

**FET SCHEME FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS NOT RESIDING ON CAMPUS**
**A. Vaccinated**

1. FET 1x a week (only when returning to campus).
2. FET validity of 7 consecutive days.
3. Validity starts on the day of testing itself.
4. FET must be done before coming to campus (could be early in the morning or the day before).
5. Will be eligible to collect maximum 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 2 test results.

**Legend:**

x = on-campus days

 = Day FET test taken (one day before coming to campus or just prior to turning up on campus)

 = Validity period of FET test;

**Sample Scenario 1: On campus from Monday (M) – Friday (F); FET test taken one day before coming to campus**

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			x	x	x	x	x										x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		
										x	x	x	x	x											x	x	x	x	x	

**Sample Scenario 2: No fixed schedule; FET test taken one day before coming to campus or just prior to turning up on campus (ie 3rd Wed)**

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			x	x	x	x	x													x	x	x	x							
												x	x	x																

## B. Unvaccinated

1. FET up to 2x a week (only when returning to campus).
2. FET validity of 4 calendar days.
3. Validity starts on the day of testing itself.
4. FET must be done before coming to campus (could be early in the morning or the day before).
5. Will be eligible to collect maximum 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 4 test results onto uNivUS.

### Legend:

x = on-campus days

= Day FET test taken (one day before coming to campus or just prior to turning up on campus)

= Validity period of FET test;

Sample Scenario 1: On-campus from Mon – Friday; FET test taken one day before coming to campus

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			x	x	x					x	x	x					x	x	x				
						x	x						x	x							x	x	

Sample Scenario 2: On-campus from Mon - Friday; FET test taken one day before coming to campus (first Sunday, 2nd last Sunday and last Wed) or just before coming to campus

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			x	x	x						x	x	x	x						x	x	x	
						x	x							x							x	x	


Sample Scenario 3: No fixed schedule; FET test taken one day before coming to campus

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su
			x	x	x												x						
						x	x					x	x	x								x	

**FET SCHEME FOR HOSTEL RESIDENTS**
**A. Vaccinated**

1. Fixed testing regime - every Sunday (regardless if you are on campus or not).
2. FET done on a Sunday will be valid until the following Sunday. Validity is NOT based on elapsed days, but valid for the current cycle e.g. if you missed taking the FET on Sunday, and took it on Monday instead, the validity will still be until the following Sunday.
3. You can still get Red Pass for other non-compliance.
4. Will be eligible to collect maximum 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 2 test results.

Legend:
 = Day FET test taken

 = Validity period of FET test

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su

## B. Unvaccinated

“Unvaccinated” means if you are not vaccinated, or have yet to complete the full vaccination regimen, or have not converted your overseas vaccination into the Singapore vaccination and still having ‘No Vaccination Record’ or ‘Vaccination in Progress’ status in uNivUS.

1. Fixed testing regime - every Sunday and Wednesday (regardless if you are on campus or not).
2. Sunday FET will be valid for Sun-Wed (covering the first cycle). Wed FET will be valid from Wed-Sun (covering the second cycle). Validity is NOT based on elapsed days, but valid for the current cycle (i.e. first or second cycle). Example: If you had taken the FET on Monday, the validity will still be until Wednesday.
3. You can still get Red Pass for other non-compliance.
4. Will be eligible to collect maximum 1 box of 2 test kits free of charge per week after having uploaded 4 test results onto uNivUS.

### Legend:

= Day FET test taken

= Validity period of FET test

F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa	Su