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NUS Staff and Students

COVID-19: WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN NATURALLY VENTILATED SPACES ON CAMPUS

1. As the Ministry of Health (MOH) is closely monitoring the recent increase in COVID-19 community infections¹, everyone must continue to play their part in observing the safe management measures including wearing of face masks and conducting regular self-tests, and exercising social responsibility.
2. Mask-wearing continues to be required in indoor settings, including on NUS internal shuttle buses, in lecture theatres, seminar rooms and hostel premises, but optional in outdoor settings ([Circular 007/22](#)).

In addition to mask-wearing guidelines outlined in the above circular, we would like to provide greater clarity on **locations and occasions where mask-wearing is mandatory in NUS campuses**.

- a. In all naturally ventilated canteens, eateries and eating spaces not bounded by external walls, wearing of face mask is mandatory at all times when not consuming food or drinks. Examples of these spaces include, but not limited to the following: Frontier, Techno Edge, The Deck, etc.
 - b. In all sheltered naturally ventilated open-air foyers and common spaces, where there are tables, benches and/or chairs or where interaction occurs and activities are held, wearing of face mask is mandatory at all times when not consuming food or drinks. When transiting through these areas without stopping for any interaction, wearing of face mask is recommended but not mandatory. Examples of these spaces include, but not limited to the following: Central Forum, Foyer at LT 27, Foyer at Hon Sui Sen Memorial Library, etc.
 - c. When commuting through roofed open-air corridors and walkways in, along or between buildings, without stopping for any interaction, wearing of face mask is recommended but not mandatory. Examples of these spaces include, but not limited to the following: covered corridor from Yusof Ishak House to Central Library, etc.
3. While mask-wearing is optional in outdoor settings, you are encouraged to wear a face mask if the outdoor space is crowded, or when there is interaction or close contact between individuals.

If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email COVID-19@nus.edu.sg.

¹ MOH press releases issued on [27 June 2022](#) and [21 June 2022](#).

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- 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.