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## CIRCULAR 10

26 August 2022

NUS Staff and Students

### **CHANGES TO SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

1. Following this week's easing of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) by the [Ministry of Health](#) (MOH), the following revised SMMs will take effect from 29 August 2022, unless otherwise stated.

2. All individuals can enter our campuses regardless of vaccination status. Entry checks for vaccination status will no longer be required at access control points to our campuses.

#### 3. Mask-Wearing

a. Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory on campuses, in both indoor and outdoor settings, with exceptions below in para 3.c..

Staff and students may remove their masks during indoor classes, lectures, laboratory sessions, examinations and other activities.

b. Staff and students are still strongly encouraged to continue exercising personal and social responsibility by wearing masks to protect themselves and others, such as when in crowded places or interacting with vulnerable persons.

If unwell, staff and students should mask-up and minimise in-person interactions. They should also self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19, in accordance with MOH's prevailing guidelines and protocols.

c. Wearing of masks remains mandatory in the following settings:

i. When travelling on internal shuttle buses serving our campuses.

ii. In our healthcare facilities e.g. University Health Centre, University Counselling Services and clinics, etc.

iii. Masks must be worn by food handlers when working in canteens, food courts, dining halls, restaurants, food kiosks and carts. This includes food handlers manning the food and beverage stalls during organised events.

#### 4. Antigen Rapid Tests (ART)

a. As announced earlier, Fast and Easy Testing (FET) using ART is no longer required for fully vaccinated staff and students.

b. Unvaccinated NUS staff and students, as per the vaccination status in uNivUS, are required to upload a valid FET ART negative test result to uNivUS before coming to campus. A valid FET ART negative test result uploaded to uNivUS is also required before participating in activities on campus which require VDS, namely events with

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more than 500 participants, and dining-in at the event venue. The validity of the FET ART negative test result is 4 days (see [Circular 07/2022](#)).

- c. Regardless of vaccination status, NUS staff and students should perform an ART if unwell to ascertain any COVID-19 infection. As per prevailing practice, vaccinated NUS staff and students can draw two free ART kits from vending machines on campuses, with every two ART results uploaded on uNivUS.

#### 5. Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS)

- a. VDS is still required for on-campus events with more than 500 participants at any one time, as well as for dining on campus. Unvaccinated individuals who do not meet VDS requirements will only be allowed to take-away their food from F&B establishments.

#### 6. Teaching and Learning

- a. All classes, lectures, examinations and non-SSG-funded CET programmes can be conducted without zoning, VDS, or capacity limits. Safe distancing is encouraged but not required between individuals or groups.
- b. For SSG-funded CET programmes, SSG's prevailing guideline for a maximum class size of 40 persons – excluding the trainer(s) – will continue to apply for course quality reasons.
- c. Students on internships, and trainees on work-study programmes should continue to adhere to the prevailing SMMs and vaccination requirements in their workplaces.
- d. Attendance taking using the Classroom Attendance System (CAS) is no longer required. CAS continues to be available for purposes of attendance taking for classes or courses that require it e.g. SSG-funded courses, etc.

#### 7. Campus and Student Activities

- a. All on-campus events may fully resume, without any zoning requirements, safe distancing, or mask-wearing.
  - i. Campus events with more than 500 persons and involving external attendees (e.g. parents attending Commencement ceremonies, or company representatives at career fairs) will require VDS checks at entry.
  - ii. If food and beverages are served, random spot checks should be carried out by the organiser to ensure that only fully vaccinated individuals and unvaccinated students with a valid 4-day ART negative test result are allowed to consume food and beverages at the event venue.
- b. Please adhere to [SportSG's prevailing guidelines](#) for sports activities.
- c. Please adhere to [NAC's advisory](#) for live performances, voice training, speech and drama, singing and playing of wind and brass instruments.

8. Please refer to [Circular 9/2022](#) on maintaining the currency of your vaccination status in uNivUS.

- a. If you are not fully vaccinated or your vaccination status has lapsed, but have previously recovered from a COVID-19 infection, please follow the steps in [Annex A](#) to request for an FET exemption. This exemption will capture the date of when you first tested COVID-19 positive and ensure that your previous infection is taken into account in the computation of vaccination validity status.
9. 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.

**Annex A**
**1. For staff/students who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 infection overseas**

- a. To be recognised as having recovered from a COVID-19 infection, MOH requires individuals who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 overseas to see a doctor in Singapore with supporting documents for their infection, recovery and discharge, and to do a serology test. The doctor will update the MOH system with the following information:
- i. A serology test performed in Singapore
  - ii. Acceptable documents, namely:
    - Confirmatory C+ PCR result
    - Doctor's discharge memo
    - International COVID-19 recovery certificate
- b. Upon receiving a positive serology test result from the doctor, the staff/student can apply for the exemption from NUS FET ART Self-Test Programme as stated in para 2(b) below.

**2. For staff/students who have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 infection in Singapore**

- a. When a staff/student has been tested COVID-19 positive through ART+ or PCR+, administered at a clinic or a MOH's Combined Test Centre (CTC), or via a Supervised Self-Test at Quick Test Centre (QTC), has completed the MOH isolation period and been discharged, the individual is recognised as recovered from COVID-19 infection. Staff/student may apply for Exemption for NUS FET Self-Test Programme
- b. Please email the completed table below to the Approver, Mr Yam Guan Shyh ([yamgs@nus.edu.sg](mailto:yamgs@nus.edu.sg)) and Mr Ravindran s/o Sockalingam ([ravi19@nus.edu.sg](mailto:ravi19@nus.edu.sg)), together with **any one** of the following screenshots:
- i. HealthHub COVID-19 Test Result page stating the date and venue of where the ART/PCR test was conducted along with the positive test result; or
  - ii. MOH ART Test Result Slip printed at the clinic stating the date of the clinic-administered ART positive test result conducted; or
  - iii. Screenshots of all available SMSs/messages of MOH's COVID-19 Positive Result Message with the date of the SMS and COVID-19 positive result clearly shown; or
  - iv. Doctor-issued Medical Certificate (MC) stating the start and end date of the sick leave, clearly stating the ART positive result or COVID infection; or
  - v. Discharge Memo or Recovery Memo obtained from the link in the MOH Discharge SMS.

Staff/ Student Name	Staff No/ Student Matric No	Staff/ Student NUS Email	Faculty/ Office	Date of first ART/PCR positive result (done at the clinic, CTC, QTC)*	End Date of Quarantine Order / Isolation Order / Hospitalisation, or Date of Hospitalisation Discharge, or as stated in the discharge letter/SMS	Exemption from NUS FET ART Self-Test Programme (for input by NUS Approving Authority)	
						Start Date	End date

\*The Approver needs the date of the first ART/PCR Positive Test Result done at the clinic, CTC or QTC.