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NUS Staff and Students

FURTHER EASING OF SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES

1. Following this week's lifting of Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) by the [Ministry of Health](#) (MOH), the following revised SMMs will take effect from 10 October 2022, unless otherwise stated.
2. Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS)
 - a. VDS on events and activities of the university, staff and students, teaching activities and examinations, as well as for dining on campus will be lifted. Unvaccinated individuals can dine in at canteens, dining halls and F&B establishments. Safe distancing is encouraged but not required between individuals or groups.
 - b. Students on internships, and trainees on work-study programmes should continue to adhere to the prevailing SMMs and vaccination requirements in their workplaces.
 - c. 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.
3. Using NUS uNivUS to reflect the currency of vaccination status
 - a. As announced [by MOH](#) (07 Oct 2022, S/No 20 and 21), Singapore will move from tracking the number of vaccination doses individuals received to an 'Up-to-date vaccination' regime. In view of this, staff and students are to continue to update their latest vaccination status in the uNivUS App.
 - b. New staff and international students are required to upload their latest vaccination status in the uNivUS (see instruction [1](#) and [2](#)).
 - c. Staff and students who tested positive for COVID-19 are to continue to adhere to the prevailing health protocols by MOH. Those under Protocol 1 or Protocol 2 should also declare and update their health status in the uNivUS.
 - d. A FET exemption is no longer required for staff and students who have previously recovered from a COVID-19 infection.
4. Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) and Related Restrictions
 - a. As announced earlier, Fast and Easy Testing (FET) using ART is no longer required for fully vaccinated staff and students.
 - b. Unvaccinated staff and students are no longer required to do the 4-day validity FET ART test and upload the FET ART negative result in the uNivUS FET App to be allowed on campus.

- c. For unvaccinated staff and students, NUS will lift the restrictions (no access to NUS email for staff, no access to NUS Wifi for students, for the day) with regards to non-compliance of FET requirements.
- d. Regardless of vaccination status, NUS staff and students should perform an ART if unwell to ascertain any COVID-19 infection. All NUS staff and students can draw two free ART kits from vending machines on campuses, with every two ART results uploaded on uNivUS.

5. Mask-Wearing

- a. 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.

- b. 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.

6. Please adhere to [SportSG's prevailing guidelines](#) for sports activities.

7. Please adhere to [NAC's advisory](#) for live performances, voice training, speech and drama, singing and playing of wind and brass instruments.

8. If you have further questions, please check with the management office of your faculty, school or department, or email 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.
- 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.