21 August 2020

All Students staying in Campus Residences

COVID-19: UPDATED SAFE-DISTANCING MEASURES IN HALLS, RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES AND RESIDENCES

Dear Students

In line with advice provided to all Institutes of Higher Learning regarding safe management measures in campus residences, please note the following updated guidelines for students staying in Halls, Residential Colleges and Residences. These supersede earlier circulars regarding the measures in effect from 1 August 2020.

1. Residents should
   a. wear a mask when they leave their hostel rooms or when in a room with another person
   b. maintain a default of at least 1m safe distancing at all times
   c. comply with online health and temperature declaration requirements twice daily (including days that you are staying off campus)
   d. download and use the uNivUS app as prescribed by the University
   e. seek medical attention promptly if unwell and comply with instructions given; they should inform hostel authorities if they have been tested for COVID-19. They should report the results of their COVID-19 test results immediately to hostel authorities.
   f. take necessary precautions with respect to hand and environmental hygiene.
   g. stay within the areas designated for their activity zone (‘micro-zone’)

2. Outside of the bedrooms and suites, social interactions between residents of the same hostel should comply with the following guidelines:
   a. Groups of up to five residents from the same activity zone may meet within their micro-zone.
   b. Several groups from the same activity zone may meet within the same space with 2m distancing between groups wherever possible (minimum 1m), e.g. for dining.
   c. Groups from different activity zones should not meet within the same space unless permission is given by the Master – this will generally be for activities in which adequate segregation between zones is possible, any interaction between zones is transient, and masks can be used.

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1 The exceptions to this are when eating/drinking or during moderate or vigorous physical activity
2 Residents are encouraged to interact primarily within the same group as far as possible.
3. Within residents’ bedroom or suite, residents from the same hostel and activity zone are allowed in a resident’s room, provided
   a. no more than one visitor is present in the resident’s room at any time
   b. no more than five persons are present in the living area in a suite at any time, and
   c. masks are worn by all and 1m safe distance is maintained.

4. Residents are not allowed to have any NUS visitors who do not live within the same hostel.

5. Non-NUS visitors are generally not allowed entry to the hostel, except
   a. if permitted by the Master for official business
   b. on moving-in/moving-out day, when one non-NUS visitor can be registered to assist the resident with moving in/out
      [Note: all visitors must comply with SafeEntry procedures]

6. Common facilities and spaces within the hostel may be opened for use, provided
   a. the maximum number of people provides for 1m safe distancing at all times (e.g. for kitchens/pantries or small study rooms, the size of the space may dictate that fewer than 5 people may use it concurrently),
   b. only residents from the same zone share the space at any time,
   c. for large venues (e.g. communal or dining halls), no more than 50 persons are present at any time, unless special provisions are made, and
   d. for sports activities/facilities, additional requirements (see relevant guidance) are complied with.

The sanctions framework for non-compliance with the above guidelines can be found in the demerit point structure document on the OSA housing regulations website. Please note that students who repeatedly or egregiously breach the guidelines may also be referred to the Board of Discipline.

Thank you for making the effort to keep campus residences safer for all.

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3 Students can take their masks off when eating or drinking in the room but are requested to wear them once eating or drinking stops, to comply with MOE directives.