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All Residents staying in Campus Residences

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

Dear Residents

Please note the following updated guidelines for residents staying in Halls, Residential Colleges and Residences. These supersede earlier circulars regarding the measures and will take effect from Monday, 9 August 2021. This document should also be read in conjunction with the latest government and university advisories and regulations.

1. Residents should
 - a. wear a mask when they leave their hostel rooms or when in a room with another person¹.
 - b. maintain a default of at least 1m safe distancing at all times.
 - c. comply with online health and temperature declaration requirements prescribed by the University (*including days that they are staying off campus*). **The current requirement is to declare twice a day (morning and afternoon/evening).**
 - d. download and use mobile apps as prescribed by the University, including the Trace Together and uNivUS apps.
 - e. seek medical attention promptly if unwell and comply with instructions given; they should inform hostel authorities (Hostel Master and office administrators) if they have been instructed to self-isolate or be placed on quarantine as a result of contact tracing, medical advice or for any other reason. They should subsequently update hostel authorities on any change in their status.
 - f. take necessary precautions with respect to hand and environmental hygiene.
2. Residents must inform hostel authorities (Hostel Master and office administrators) if they have been put under the Ministry of Health's (MOH's) Health Risk Warning (HRW) or Health Risk Alert (HRA)
 - a. residents who have been put under the Ministry of Health's (MOH's) Health Risk Warning (HRW) will be placed on Approved Absence (AA)/ Leave of Absence (LOA), and will only be allowed to return to campus after their exit Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) swab test result is negative.
 - b. residents who have been put under Health Risk Alert (HRA) will be able to return to campus but should limit their social interactions as an added precaution, monitor their health and see a doctor promptly if they feel unwell.
3. Residents are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination is one way to prevent the disease, minimise the risk of transmission, and prevent our healthcare system from being overwhelmed.

- a. residents who have not registered their interest in vaccination may do so via www.vaccine.gov.sg, and they will be progressively invited to book their vaccination appointments.
4. Social interactions between residents of the same hostel should comply with the following guidelines:
 - a. The current size of group gatherings allowed is *two* people.
 - b. All student activities within the hostel which involve more than *two* people should be deferred or conducted online.
 - c. Residents are strongly encouraged to limit their overall number of social gatherings to not more than 2 per day and avoid mingling with other groups where possible.
 5. Residents may host another resident of the same hostel in their room, provided
 - a. no more than *two* people (*including the host*) are present in the resident's room at any time.
 - b. no more than *two* people (*including the host*) are present in the living area in a suite at any time, and
 - c. masks are worn at all times¹ and 1m safe distance is maintained.
 - d. All residents are to limit the number of such social interactions to not more than two in a day.
 6. Indoor sports facilities, gyms, dance studios and similar spaces will be closed during this period. When using other indoor common facilities and spaces within the hostel,
 - a. the maximum number of people within the space (e.g. kitchen/pantries, laundry rooms, small study rooms) should be limited based on the size of the space and will be specified by the hostel.
 - b. for larger spaces (e.g. communal or dining halls), no more than 30 persons should be present at any time.
 - c. Persons using these facilities should be segregated in groups of up to 2 persons; there should be at least 2m separation between each group, and masks should be worn at all times¹.
 - d. All communal dining activities should be deferred or cancelled.
 - e. When consuming food in the dining hall or any common space, residents are to sit *individually* and at least 2m apart from each other. All residents should avoid social interactions while eating, mask up when not consuming food and beverage and leave the dining hall/kitchen/pantry immediately after finishing their meals and not linger.
 7. *No visitors* (including NUS staff, NUS students, and residents from other hostels) are allowed in hostels until further notice.

¹ All hostel residents should avoid unmasking (e.g. to eat or drink) during social interactions. At all times, residents should mask up when not in the process of eating or drinking, even if food or beverage is at hand.

8. Please comply with the [updated OSA circular](#) on SMM guidelines for the conduct of co-curricular activities.

Note that changes to these measures may be necessary in response to the situation in the community as well as to the outcome of ongoing surveillance activities such as swab testing and wastewater sampling.

The updated 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 your efforts to keep campus residences safer for all.

Office of Student Affairs