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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 tightened measures will supersede earlier circulars and take effect from **27 September 2021 through 24 October 2021 (dates inclusive)**. 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 person.
 - b. maintain a default of at least 1m safe distancing at all times.
 - c. comply with health status declaration and other measures found in the [updated OSHE Circular 33 \(OSHE 037/21\)](#). Currently, this includes health declaration once a day while on campus (excluding days staying off campus).
 - 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). Please refer to OSHE's Circular for the latest updates.

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.
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. **Use of Common Spaces within the Hostel for Organized Student Activities**

Residents participating in organized student activities should comply with the following guidelines:

- a. Group activities should be limited to mask-on activities only, except where removal of masks is permitted under NUS' regulations for Sports or otherwise specified. See also 4(d) and 4(e) below.
- b. Multiple groups of maximum 2 persons per group, up to maximum 50 participants or the capacity limit of the venue, whichever is lower, regardless of vaccination status, is allowed.
- c. There should be at least 1m distance between individuals. If this is not possible, then at least 1m distancing between groups of not more than 2 persons.
- d. For sport and other dynamic activities (including dance) held in these spaces, please refer to the appropriate NUS CCA guidelines referenced in section 7 below.
- e. CCA activities involving serving/consumption of food/drink/snacks, which are mask-off activities, are not allowed. (see section 6 below for regulations on dining).

5. **Hosting and Visitors**

- a. Residents can interact in groups of 2 (residents from the same hostel), down from 5 currently.
 - i. They are strongly encouraged to interact with the same group of up to 2 residents and avoid mingling with other groups where possible.
 - ii. No more than 2 people (*including the host*) are present in the resident's room or living area in a suite at any time.
 - iii. Masks must be worn at all times¹ and 1m safe distance is maintained.
- b. Only NUS (staff/student) visitors are allowed in the hostel, provided this is limited to 2 unique visitors per resident per day. Visitors should remain in common areas, and masks worn at all times¹.

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.

6. Dining-in at the Hostel

- a. Dining in dining halls/kitchenettes/suite common areas (only) is permitted in groups of up to 2 people per table, regardless of vaccination status.
 - i. Seating is to be at least 1m apart between groups of 2 diners.
- b. There should not be more than 50 persons in the dining halls at any one time, with *at least* 1m safe distancing between groups, and other necessary safe management measures in place, including 1m distancing within persons in the group wherever possible.
- c. All hostel residents should mask up when not consuming food and beverage and leave the dining hall immediately after finishing their meals and not linger.

7. Sporting and CCA Activities

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 fast-and-easy (FET) 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