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 immediate effect. 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 37 (OSHE 041/21).
   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 latest circulars for important updates on SMMs, FET and healthcare protocols at NUS.
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 https://www.vaccine.gov.sg/ and they will be progressively invited to book their vaccination appointments.

4. **Use of Common Spaces within the Hostel for CCAs and Student Activities**

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

a. Activities should be Mask-on only unless they fall under the provisions 4(c) or 4(d).

b. **Indoor or Outdoor Mask-on activities.** No more than 50 participants or the capacity limit of the venue, whichever is lower, are allowed, regardless of vaccination status. There should be at least 1-metre distance between individuals, or if this is not possible, at least 1-metre distancing between **groups of no more than 5 persons.**

c. **Sports and other dynamic activities.** In addition to the guidelines on group size and participant limits above, sports and other dynamic activities held in these spaces should adhere to the other SMMs detailed in SportSG’s latest advisory and the updated NUS CCA Guidelines (OSA/2021/18).

d. **Voice Training, speech and drama, singing and playing of wind and brass instruments.** In addition to the guidelines on group size and participant limits above, these activities held in these spaces should adhere to the other SMMs detailed in NAC’s prevailing advisory and the updated NUS CCA Guidelines (OSA/2021/18).

5. **Hosting and Visitors**

a. Residents can interact in groups of 2 (residents from the same hostel):
   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 times and 1m safe distance is maintained.

b. Each hostel resident can host up to 2 unique visitors per day (including individuals from outside NUS) provided:
   i. All external visitors are registered in advance with the hostel, for the purpose of contact tracing.
ii. All external visitors are hosted only in the designated hostel common areas located outside the resident rooms (the living room area of a suite is not considered a common area).

iii. Masks are worn at all times\(^1\) and 1m safe distance is maintained.

iv. External visitors will be asked to leave the premises if they are not registered or do not comply with any SMMs. Hosts will also be sanctioned for breach of any SMMs by their visitors.

\(^1\) 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 at **dining halls**: up to 2 diners per table for fully vaccinated individuals (not subject to protocols 1, 2 or 3) are allowed, with seating 1m apart between groups of 2 diners. Only takeaway option is available for unvaccinated individuals.

   b. Dining in **kitchenettes/suite common areas**: only up to 2 diners are allowed provided all are fully vaccinated.

   c. 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.

   d. All hostel residents should mask up when not consuming food and beverage, leave the dining hall immediately after finishing their meals and not linger.

*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