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NUS Hostelites

COVID-19: UPDATE ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR HOSTELITES

We thank all hostelites for working closely with us in implementing Safe Management Measures (SMMs) to ensure a safe hostel environment. The hostel is a closely-knit community with frequent close interactions among the residents. To help safeguard health and safety of all, you should observe the following:

1. Comply with MOH’s Health Protocols 1, 2 and 3, respectively, (https://www.covid.gov.sg/) if you:
   - are FET/ART positive and unwell (symptomatic) [P1]
   - are FET/ART positive and well or having mild symptoms [P2]
   - have been in contact with a confirmed case [P3]

2. In addition, please comply with the following NUS requirements for residents in hostels:

   a. If you are on P1 or P2 and staying in the hostel, you may leave self-isolation¹ only if your ART result is negative, but no sooner than 72 hours. If your ART result remains positive, continue to self-isolate and test daily. You may only leave self-isolation when your ART result is negative.

   b. If you know you have been in close proximity (< 2 m and > 15 min mask-on or 5 min mask off) with a confirmed COVID-positive individual but have yet to receive the Health Risk Warning (HRW) from MOH, please observe the following precautions:

      i. Self-isolate immediately and take an ART self-test within 24 hours. If the test result is negative, you can continue with normal activities for the day.
      ii. For the next three days (Day 2 to Day 4), before undertaking your usual activities, or if you need to leave the hostel, you must do an ART self-test once per day and ensure the result is negative, before doing so.
      iii. If the ART result is negative on Day 4, you may resume normal activities and no further testing is required. Please continue to monitor your health and see a doctor if you are unwell.
      iv. If you are issued an HRW by MOH, please comply with the instructions given here: https://www.covid.gov.sg/exposed/hrw. You are only required to declare a P3 status on uNivUS if you are issued an HRW.

1 Instructions for self-isolation for hostelites recovering on campus (P1 or P2) are provided in OSHE circular 35 annex B(2) and reproduced in the annex to this circular.
3. Please note that all hostelites are expected to comply strictly with the University’s FET regimen for weekly or twice weekly self-testing, regardless of whether you are physically on campus on the day the test is due. From 6 Feb 2022, students who repeatedly fail to comply despite warnings will have their hostel stay terminated. For updated information on disciplinary action for non-compliance, please refer to the current Demerit Point Structure for Housing Offences.

If you have further questions, please check with your hostel, or email OSA at reslife@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.

Annex - Instructions for self-isolation (P1 and P2)

When self-isolating in your hostel,

a. Stay in your room at all times, except for short periods of time for essential activities such as using the bathroom, doing laundry, during which a mask must be worn and contact with other residents avoided
b. Do not host visitors in your room
c. Practice enhanced hygiene and infection control measures when using shared facilities (laundry, bathrooms), and keep surfaces clean after use
d. Bag all rubbish securely before disposal
e. Comply strictly with all safe management measures of the hostel
f. Do not attend face-to-face classes
g. Do not leave the hostel for any reason except to seek medical treatment, for family emergency or attending court, and only after getting approval from the hostel administration.
h. Do not visit canteens, food courts, eateries, shops on campus and outside campus for any purpose