



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS



Dear Students,

In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce has advised that tighter measures be adopted to control the spread of infection.

These stricter measures mandate that physical distancing of at least one metre must be achieved in settings where interactions are non-transient and limit gatherings outside of work and school to 10 persons or fewer. To provide further protection to our community, we have decided to extend this raised risk threshold to our campus activities.

In applying this reduced capacity to our Freshmen Orientation plans, we have deliberated and come to the conclusion that running live attendance induction programmes for the incoming cohort of 2000+ freshmen while adhering to the 10 person limit is unviable. As such, we will cancel all Freshmen Orientation activities which involve physical attendance from participants (as well as all other student activities involving assemblies of people) until further notice. Organisers are encouraged to strategically reorient their content so that materials and activities are suitable to be placed online and use emails for continued engagement with our freshmen.

We are sharing with you our rationale for our University's embargo on physical Freshmen Orientation activities and look forward to your support in this matter. If you have any questions about this embargo, you can approach the Director of the Office of Student Life (jimmye@smu.edu.sg) for clarification.

We would like to reiterate that in implementing the enhanced precautionary measures, we have placed the well-being and safety of our community as our foremost priority.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PS', written over a light blue circular watermark.

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