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Dear SMU Community,

On 20 July 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced a return to Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) measures in view of the growing COVID-19 clusters. The tightened measures will take effect from 22 July 2021 to 18 August 2021 (both dates inclusive).

2 MOE had advised that the current Leave of Absence (LOA) protocol will be further revised to take into account MOH's latest strategy of ringfencing cases around the hotspots. Depending on how close a person is to the hotspot and the assessed exposure, SMS notifications for either "Health Risk Warnings" or "Health Risk Alerts" will be issued to these individuals. A sample of these SMS notifications (provided by MOE) are attached for reference.

3 In this regard, anyone who has received a warning or alert will be required to do the following:

Scenario	**Action Required**
Students, faculty or staff who receives a "Health Risk Warning"	Please inform OSS immediately. An LOA will be issued to you, and it will be rescinded when your mandatory Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test result is negative.
Household members of students, faculty or staff who receives a "Health Risk Warning"	Please inform OSS immediately that your household member has received a "Health Risk Warning". An LOA will be issued to you and it will be rescinded when your household member's PCR test result is negative.
Students, faculty or staff who receives a "Health Risk Alert"	Please inform OSS immediately that you have received a "Health Risk Alert". You may be asked to purchase an Antigen-Rapid Test (ART) self-test kit. Anyone with a positive ART test result should seek medical attention immediately and not return to campus until they receive a negative PCR test result.
Household members of students, faculty or staff who receives a "Health Risk Alert"	Please monitor your health. No other action is required from you in this scenario.

4 The above supplement the current LOA protocols, which were previously communicated on 6 July 2021.

5 With the above enhancements, we will similarly require all students, faculty and staff to contact the Office of Safety and Security via oss@smu.edu.sg if you need to be placed on LOA as a result of any of the circumstances above or if you are unsure as to what would be the appropriate action. If you are placed on LOA, you are advised to stay at home and not come on campus.

6 We urge everyone to continue staying safe through vigilance and adherence to safe management measures.

7 Thank You.

Office of Safety & Security

(this message is sent via bcc to the Student, Faculty and Staff Community)