



MESSAGE FROM VICE PROVOST (EDUCATION)



Dear students

1. With improvements in the national Covid-19 situation, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce has announced the easing of community Safe Management Measures (SMMs) from 29 March 2022 and the pertinent ones on campus are as follows:
 - a. Group Size – The permissible group size for social gatherings will be increased from 5 persons to 10 persons for mask-off activities. At F&B outlets, groups of up to 10 vaccinated people will be allowed to dine in provided entry checks are carried out by the F&B operator;
 - b. Mask Wearing – Wearing of masks will no longer be required outdoors although a mask continues to be mandatory indoors (which refer to all buildings or places with clearly defined entrances and exits). In SMU's context, indoor places include classrooms, F&B outlets, basement concourse, areas inside buildings, etc., while outdoor places include campus green as well as naturally ventilated tables/study benches at street level; and
 - c. Safe Distancing – Safe distancing is encouraged but will not be required between individuals or groups in all mask-on settings (e.g. classes). A safe distance of 1 metre will continue to be required for mask-off settings.

Safeguards by the University

2. As part of safeguarding the well-being of our community, the University has been carrying out manual contact tracing for persons who have tested positive. While national manual contact tracing transits to an automated process supported by TraceTogether and SafeEntry, the University is committed to your well-being as the Omicron wave subsides. In this regard, the University will continue with manual contact tracing for one more month until the end of April 2022.
3. Other measures such as SafeEntry, the use of TraceTogether app/token and patrols across campus by our Safe Management Officers will still be in place. The University will also continue with the enhanced cleaning regime on campus and improved campus readiness that have been implemented since the start of the pandemic. These include the regular disinfecting and sanitising of workplace areas, common areas (including lifts, toilets, etc) and frequently touched

surfaces. The air and water quality has been maintained regularly to ensure a high operational standard in accordance with the prevailing guidelines as recommended by Building and Construction Authority, National Environment Agency and Ministry of Health.

4. If you have queries relating to these campus SMMs, please contact the Office of Safety and Security at oss@smu.edu.sg.
5. For PG students, please also refer to the announcements last week detailing the exams safe management plans. For UG students, we will share more information on the plans for your exams soon.
6. We encourage all students to continue exercising vigilance as well as uphold personal and social responsibility in adhering to the revised measures. Thank you for your cooperation and for doing your part to protect our community.

Warmest regards

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