



Dear Students, Professors and Teachers,

**Commencement of new academic year 2021-22  
Health and safety measures for classes**

We would like to provide the following updates on the health and safety measures that have been taken, together with some requirements and suggestions that can enhance the safety of students and teachers during lectures and classes.

**Campus access control and health declaration**

The campus access control and health declaration will continue to be in place to ensure all persons entering the campus do not belong to the high-risk category. Please be informed that similar measures of control are also being applied to all visitors, outsourced contractors and workers who need to enter our campus.

**Ventilation in classrooms**

Fresh air intake for the ventilation and air conditioning system of classrooms has been maximised. More fresh air will be circulated into classrooms to enhance ventilation. While the difference might not be very noticeable in summer, classrooms might be 'colder' when outdoor temperature drops during wintertime. The conditions in the classrooms will be continuously monitored.

**Density in classrooms**

Based on student enrolment information, most of the classrooms in the University will reach over 50% of their seating capacities during classes. While filling up more than 50% of the seats inside classrooms does not violate any prevailing rules of the Centre for Health Protection, it is common sense that the more students can spread out, the lower the risk of spread of disease will become.

**Arrangement inside classrooms**

Mask must be worn at all times within campus, and there shall be no drinking or eating in classrooms. Hand sanitisers have been provided to each and every classroom for use by colleagues and students. Apart from cleaning their hands, students and colleagues are also welcome to use the sanitisers to wipe the worktops as they feel necessary. We will replenish the bottles daily. Disposable microphone covers are also provided on the lecterns of classrooms for use by teachers and students.

Students shall be requested to sit as far apart from each other as possible. Posters will be placed in classrooms as a reminder to students.

**Special attention to sessions involving practicum or high level of interaction between students**

During tutorials or practicums, students might need to face each other for discussions or interactions, instead of just facing one direction towards the projector screen. For these classes, students shall spread out as far as possible and mask must be worn all the time.

**Practicum involving masks off**

All staff and students involved in activities who need to take off masks shall be subject to more stringent health control measures. Please refer to the latest announcement dated 2 August 2021 by the Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) and the Vice-President (Administration) and Secretary.

**Ongoing safety measures**

The University has been implementing various hygiene measures to protect the well-being of the University community. Worktops and seats of all classrooms will be disinfected every evening. Frequency of cleaning the campus has also been increased in general.

Please let us know by calling 3411 7997 if you have any suggestions or questions.

Stay healthy!

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