

COVID ADVISORY 18:

COVID-19 UPDATES FOR SUNWAY STUDENTS

Dear Students of Sunway College Kuching,

We hope everyone is doing well. It's nice to see our campuses bustling with activity again as the various semesters and programmes begin in May and June.

These of course coincide with the April 1 'transition to endemicity' or #ReopeningSafely as the Government terms it. Many of the MCO / National Recovery Plan restrictions have now been lifted, and life has somewhat returned closer to pre-COVID-19 pandemic times effective 1st May. This said, we must always continue to be vigilant and adhere to the SOPs.

As the country enters the endemic phase, Ministry of Health and Sarawak Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) have lifted most of the Covid-19 restrictions including social distancing and wearing face masks outdoors.

Few days ago, Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin announced several new Covid-19 guidelines to mark Malaysia's transition to endemicity, mainly six regulations and I have listed some which are relevant to us:

FACE MASKS

Both ministries have lifted wearing face masks and made it optional for outdoor activities. However, it is still mandatory to wear face masks indoors (in the college/campus) including in any public transport or e-hailing ride. We still encouraged everyone to wear face mask outdoors, especially when in crowded spaces, individuals who are symptomatic with fever, cough and flu, high risk individuals.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Both ministries announced that physical distancing is only encouraged when not wearing masks. All classrooms/library and labs are subject to physical distancing of at least 1 meter.

MYSEJAHTERA QR CODE AND VACCINATION STATUS

Both ministries have dropped the mandatory QR code scanning through MySejahtera mobile application and vaccination status verification before entering premises. Please be informed that MySejahtera High Risk status still NOT allowed into college/campus.

UPDATE: STUDENT EVENTS & SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The SCK COVID-19 Committee has also resolved that all student events and sports activities will be allowed to take place, subject to the following observances:

- a. Only those who are fully vaccinated will be allowed to participate. Students with valid reasons for not being fully vaccinated may participate on a case-to-case basis.
- b. All organisers and attendees must register via MySejahtera (and be of Low Risk or Casual Contact No Symptoms status) and scan the eTrace when entering venues.
- c. Event organisers must record the attendance of all attendees.
- d. Venue capacity is subject to physical distancing of at least 1 meter.
- e. External guests are allowed to attend/ be present, subject to strict adherence to campus SOPs.
- f. All participants/ guests/ attendees are strongly encouraged to take a COVID-19 RTK-Antigen Self-Test before entering the campus in order to attend events or participate in sporting activities.
- g. For indoor events, the venues must have proper ventilation.

CONCLUSION

Over the last 2 years, our entire Sunway community (and indeed the nation) has worked tirelessly to overcome the unprecedented challenges brought by COVID-19. As we enter the latter stages of this pandemic, it is perhaps more important now than ever that we do not let our guard down. Instead, we must keep our eyes alert to the challenges that still exists. Your continued adherence to the safety measures outlined and self-awareness of the situation will ensure we complete this final hurdle successfully.

On a personal note I thank you for your relentless support, cooperation and understanding.

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