

COVID Health and Safety Measures in Nanyang Asia College (NYAC)

Phase 2 – Heightened Alert National Stance from 22 July to 18 August 2021

In line with the return of high vigilance back to Phase 2 – Heightened Alert National Stance from 22 July to 18 August 2021, NYAC will enhance current safe management measures (SMMs) for the continued safety and well-being of students and staff. More information is available in the MOE press release.

The latest measures aim to reduce intermingling of students across schools/institutions and minimise external activities while ensuring that teaching and learning, and other key school processes continue. Below is a summary of the enhanced measures:

- Exam-style fixed classroom seating;
- Reduction of group size across activities to two persons;
- Reduction of overall capacity for all activities, including lectures, to a maximum of 50 persons;
- Suspension of activities conducted in public spaces, e.g. learning journeys; and
- Extension of online mode of lectures (Zoom) for SDPEM and PGDPM classes **till further notice**.

These heightened measures are in addition to our regular SMMs on screening, hygiene and safe distancing. We will continue to remind students and staff to practice good personal hygiene habits and be socially responsible.

TraceTogether-only Safe Entry

TraceTogether-only (TT) Safe Entry is mandatory. Students should have their TT token or TT app with them throughout the school day to facilitate accurate contact tracing, should the need arise. Entry/scanning of NRIC/FIN/other IDs/passport number or barcode for safe entry will only be used in exceptional extenuating circumstances.

If You are Unwell

If you are feeling unwell, you should see a doctor immediately, especially if you display symptoms like cough, sore throat, runny nose or have lost your sense of smell and **should not come to campus**. You will be checked for Acute Respiratory Infection by the doctor and will likely be sent for a swab test.

If sent for a swab test, you will be covered by the Medical Certificate (MC) issued by the doctor, you must not come to school and must inform NYAC immediately. You should remain at home, self-isolate as much as possible, observe good personal hygiene, and monitor your health. Most results will be available within 3 working days. **NYAC must be informed immediately once the swab test result is received.**

If You are Well but Sent for Mandatory Swab Test

Anyone informed by MOH to take a mandatory swab test because of contact with a confirmed case (i.e. likely to have been issued “**Health Risk Warning**” by MOHs as opposed to “**Health Risk Alert**”; also does not apply to those required to go for routine job-related testing) should immediately inform NYAC of the circumstances, and unless told otherwise by NYAC, to self-quarantine/isolate until the PCR test result is out and is negative. **Antigen Rapid Test (ART) test results will not be sufficient.**

If Your Household Member is under Quarantine Order, Stay-Home Notice or is Unwell

If a household member has been issued with a Quarantine Order (QO) (whether staying in your home or at a Government Quarantine Facility), or Stay-Home Notice (SHN), in view of the risk of spread, you should not come to school and should isolate yourself at home until your household member has completed the QO / SHN.

If your household member (6 years old and above) is feeling unwell with flu-like symptoms (such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose or loss of sense of smell), **do not come to campus.** Please encourage your household member to see a doctor and obtain an MC with confirmation of the flu-like symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Phase 3 – Heightened Alert National Stance from 8 May to 30 May 2021

In line with the Phase 3 – Heightened Alert National Stance from 8 May to 30 May 2021, NYAC will enhance current safe management measures (SMMs) for the continued safety and well-being of students and staff. More information is available in the MOE press release.

The latest measures aim to reduce intermingling of students across schools/institutions and minimise external activities while ensuring that teaching and learning, and other key school processes continue. Below is a summary of the enhanced measures:

- Exam-style fixed classroom seating;
- Reduction of group size across activities from eight to five persons;
- Reduction of overall capacity for all activities, including lectures, to a maximum of 50 persons;
- Suspension of activities conducted in public spaces, e.g. learning journeys; and
- Extension of online mode of lectures (Zoom) for SDPEM and PGDPM classes till 30 May 2021.

These measures are in addition to our regular SMMs on screening, hygiene and safe distancing. We will continue to remind students and staff to practice good personal hygiene habits and be socially responsible. If feeling unwell, students and staff should seek medical attention and not come to school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

NYAC Return-to-College Protocol

Any students, staff or faculty found to exhibit any COVID-19 related symptoms during the school day will be sent home. Individuals showing any symptoms from the list below will be asked to go home and must seek clearance from a doctor prior to their return to campus. If the students require adult attention, parents are asked to pick up their children promptly.

Symptoms:

- Difficulty in breathing
- Cough
- Fever above 37.5°C
- Loss of taste/smell
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Body ache
- Runny nose

Please do not send your child to school if they are exhibiting any of the symptoms. If they are showing any of these symptoms, you must take your child to your family doctor or to the nearest medical clinic.

In order to return to school, students who have recovered must present a Medical Certificate for the days missed as well as any other medical documentation certifying the student wellness to attend school. This documentation must be presented to the offices prior to returning to class.

We ask for your full cooperation with this protocol. We understand these are extraordinary circumstances for everyone and we are prioritizing the health and safety of all our students and staff members.

Please refer to the website links below to find out more about the official advisories:

Ministry of Health – [Covid-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Ministry of Education – [Screening Requirements](#)

Symptom Checker – [SGCovid19](#)

Temperature and Health Declarations

1. Daily temperature-taking with additional screening are in place for all students and staff.
2. Parents are expected to take their child's temperature at home before students depart for school, and students can only attend school if their temperature is below 37.6°C.

3. Students and staff who are unwell or who have adult household members who have flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough will be required to stay home.

Promoting General Good Hygiene Practices

1. It is mandatory for all staff and students on campus to be wearing their mask or face shield. Students must bring a spare mask in a resealable or ziploc bag, labeled with their name.
2. Masks need not be worn while eating and drinking but they should be worn at all other times.
3. Students must bring their own water bottles to school as water fountains will only allow for filling up water bottles.
4. Students will wash hands at regular intervals through the day.
5. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of all classrooms and toilets.
6. Regular additional cleaning of all frequent touchpoints (for example: water coolers, handrails, lifts, doorknobs).
7. Regular additional cleaning of other common spaces.
8. COVID-19 cleaning is provided in each classroom - hand sanitizer and other cleaning materials.

Medical Support

1. First Aid trained staff on-site will be able to assist any student with any symptoms or sickness in isolation areas to ensure safe quarantine and collection of children that are determined to be unwell.

Masks and Face Shields

1. Students and staff will be required to wear masks or face shields at all times.
2. Students are asked to bring their own mask or face shield.
3. Additional masks will be available in the office in case of breakage or loss.

According to MOH, the groups which can wear face shields are as follows:

1. Children 12 years old and below, who may have difficulty wearing and keeping face masks on for a prolonged period of time.
2. Persons who have health conditions that may result in breathing or other medical difficulties when a mask is worn for a prolonged period of time.
3. Persons who are speaking to a group in a classroom or lecture-style setting, where they largely remain at the spot from which they are speaking and are able to maintain a safe distance away from any other persons.

Student Movement in College

1. Students will not move between classes during the day.
2. When students arrive, they will move directly to their classroom.

Staff and College Safe Measures

A Safe Management Officer has been appointed to ensure compliance with the Ministry of Manpower guidance.