SUNWAY EDUCATION GROUP

COVID-19 ADVISORY 48: PHASE 2 NATIONAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR KLANG VALLEY & OFFICIAL REOPENING OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN OCTOBER 2021

Dear Students, Parents & Staff of the Sunway Education Group Community,

- 1. The government recently announced that as of 10 September 2021, Klang Valley (consisting of Selangor, Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya) has moved into **Phase 2 of the National Recovery Plan.**
 - 1.1. The Minister of Higher Education, Dato Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, announced additional details under the HEI Recovery Plan in which the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) plans to allow students to return to their campuses nationwide for the 2021/22 academic session starting October 2021¹; and
 - 1.2. On September 12, Datuk Dr Radzi Jidin, Minister, Ministry of Education (MOE) presented MOE's plans with regard to the reopening of schools from October 2021².
- 2. The SEG COVID-19 Management Committee recently convened to discuss these latest announcements and wishes to convey to all staff and students the following operational updates:

A. Vaccination Requirement

- 3. Beginning 1 October 2021, we will abide by government directives to only allow **fully vaccinated** persons to enter our Sunway University and Sunway College campuses.
 - 3.1. According to government guidelines, a person is considered fully vaccinated when:
 - a. 14-days have passed from the date of the 2nd dose being administered for vaccines requiring two (2) doses (such as Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Sinovac, Moderna and Sinopharm); or
 - b. 28-days have passed from the date of the single dose being administered for vaccines requiring only one (1) dose (such as Johnson & Johnson and CanSino).
 - 3.2. The above will also apply to all visitors, vendors, and contractors.

¹ https://www.malaymail.com/news/malaysia/2021/09/12/minister-only-fully-vaccinated-students-can-return-to-campus/2004876

² https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2021/09/12/education-minister-tighter-sop-for-schools-ahead-of-oct-3-reopening

B. Campus Entry

- 4. Everyone entering our campuses will be required to:
 - 4.1. Fill in and submit the Sunway Education Group eDeclare form;
 - 4.2. Show their MySejahtera status & risk profile (please ensure that it is updated);
 - 4.3. Show their vaccination status (with effect from 1 October 2021); and
 - 4.4. Undergo temperature screening



- 5. While on campus, please ensure that all SOPs are strictly complied with to ensure the safety and protection of our SEG community, including:
 - 5.1. Wearing of face mask (double-masking highly encouraged);
 - 5.2. Physical-distancing;
 - 5.3. Completing the SEG eDeclare form accurately and honestly; and
 - 5.4. Scanning eTrace in order to enter classrooms/ offices/ designated spaces.
- 6. We wish to notify everyone entering our campuses that failure to comply with the SOPs may result in their removal from campus.
 - 6.1. Students are kindly reminded this may constitute a breach of the Student Code of Conduct resulting in disciplinary action.

C. Sunway University & Sunway College - Students Teaching & Learning

7. As part of MOHE's Phase 2 SOPs, between 13 to 30 September, Sunway University or Sunway College students, within the 6 categories of needs (as previously defined by MOHE³), will be allowed to enter campus. Please refer to your respective Institutions/ Schools/ Departments for further information, including application for authorisation and travel letters (as applicable). To recap, the 6 categories of students with needs are:

³ https://www.mohe.gov.my/muat-turun/kenyataan-media/2021-3/506-kenyataan-media-kemasukan-semula-pelajar-ke-kampus-secara-fizikal-bermula-1-mac-2021/file

- 7.1. Students from programmes requiring practicals, laboratory and clinical training, as well as access to studios, workshops and specialised equipment;
- 7.2. Students who do not have access to adequate internet connection or their home environment is not conducive for online learning;
- 7.3. Students staying in SEG Residences and around the campuses;
- 7.4. All new and existing international students. For more information on the latest immigration requirements/ regulations, please visit https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/ or the SEG International Office at +6 019 336 2242 or email info@sunway.edu.my;
- 7.5. Students with special needs (OKU); and
- 7.6. Students who are scheduled to sit for the Malaysian University English Test (MUET) as well as international and professional bodies examinations.
- 8. Beginning 1 October 2021, in accordance with government directives, only fully vaccinated students will be allowed to enter all educational institutions to attend face-to-face classes as well as access campus facilities. Details will be announced and communicated by your respective Institutions/ Schools/ Programme Heads in due course.
- 9. For students who are yet to be fully vaccinated, awaiting their 2nd dose appointment or unable to get vaccinated due to valid medical reasons, or not able to travel as yet, rest assured that your learning and development are important to us and **Dual-Mode Teaching & Learning (T&L) options, which include online learning,** will continue to be available for the immediate foreseeable future, where applicable.

D. Sunway International Schools

- 10. As part of MOE's School Reopening Plan for states in Phase 2, applicable from October to December 2021:
 - 10.1. Primary School students are required to continue Online T&L from Home (PdPR).
 - 10.2. Secondary School students sitting for international examinations this year are allowed to attend face-to-face classes.
 - 10.3. For students not under 10.1 and 10.2, additional details will be communicated by the respective International School principals.

E. Staff @ Work

- 11. In line with Phase 2 SOPs⁴, between **13 and 30 September**, up to 40% of staff can return to work at our campuses to perform necessary tasks needed to support our educational operations and learning environment. Kindly also use this period to make the necessary arrangements in line with the official reopening of our campuses for face-to-face physical T&L from 1 October 2021.
- 12. Beginning 1 October 2021, all staff will be required to return fully and work from campus. In accordance with MOHE's/ MOE's directives, all staff will need to be fully vaccinated by then.

F. Conclusion

- 13. We trust this Advisory will provide clarity and guidance on the upcoming requirements for the return of our students and staff for physical classes in October.
- 14. We are in constant contact with the authorities, including seeking clarifications on some additional matters such as examinations for students who may not have been fully vaccinated in time, and will provide updates as soon as we get them. Do know that your best interest is our utmost priority.
- 15. Reminder to get vaccinated: In compliance with the upcoming government directives, we once again strongly urge all eligible members of the SEG community to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
 - 15.1. The Klang Valley still allows for walk-in vaccinations (kindly refer to the poster below for a list of available walk-in PPVs). However, please note that walk-in vaccinations in the Klang Valley will only be available until 15 September⁵. From 16 September onwards, Klang Valley residents can only get their vaccines at selected health clinics which will be announced later.
 - 15.2. For students aged 18 and above, all you need to do is to bring along your student ID or offer letter to be eligible for the vaccination. For students aged below 18, the government is in the process of rolling out the vaccination appointments and we will share updates as they are received.

⁴ https://asset.mkn.gov.my/web/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2019/08/KPT-PPN-Fasa-2-SOP-Sektor-Pengajian-Tinggi-Kemaskini-12-Julai-2021.pdf

⁵ https://www.theedgemarkets.com/article/walkin-vaccinations-klang-valley-end-after-sept-15-%E2%80%94-adhambaba



16. We are truly looking forward to welcoming back our students and staff. This said, we remind everyone that COVID-19 is still around us and therefore we must continue to be vigilant and strictly comply with the SOPs to keep everyone safe.

#LindungDiri #LindungSemua #WeAreVaccinated

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