

# SUNWAY EDUCATION GROUP

## COVID-19 ADVISORY 53: QUARANTINE FOR CLOSE CONTACTS, ENTRY FOR NON-FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS, EXTENSION OF MANDATED BOOSTER PERIOD & PICKIDS

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

1. The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) have announced updated COVID-19 guidelines and SOPs. Based on the latest data, the authorities aim to reduce existing restrictions while continuing to protect the health and safety of all members of the public, and to ensure education attainment continuity for students throughout the country. As such, the SEG COVID-19 Management Committee, in consultation with the authorities and upon deliberation of the latest guidelines, wishes to provide the following updates which shall govern our campus operations:

### (A) CLOSE CONTACTS: QUARANTINE PERIOD & FLOWCHART AT SEG CAMPUSES

2. If Boosted:
  - a. Asymptomatic: Advised (unless otherwise) to work and learn from home. RTK-Antigen (RTK-Ag) self-test on Day 1 & Day 3 (as required by MOH) **and Day 5 (before return to the campus)** is negative
  - b. Symptomatic: 5 days quarantine. RTK-Ag self-test on Day 5 and release from quarantine if negative
3. If Fully Vaccinated (but not boosted), regardless whether symptomatic or asymptomatic:
  - a. 5 days quarantine
  - b. RTK-Ag self-test on Day 5 and release from quarantine if negative
  - c. If you had a COVID-19 infection within the last 60 days, there is no requirement to quarantine
4. If Incomplete Vaccination or Unvaccinated, regardless whether symptomatic or asymptomatic:
  - a. 7 days quarantine.
  - b. RTK-Ag self-test on Day 7 and release from quarantine if negative
5. Please refer to **APPENDIX 1** for the latest Close Contact flowchart.
6. There are no changes to the management protocol for Positive COVID-19 cases. For ease of reference, the flowchart is reproduced in this Advisory as **APPENDIX 2**, while the categorisation of symptoms is **APPENDIX 3**.

### (B) ENTRY FOR STAFF / STUDENTS WITH INCOMPLETE VACCINATION STATUS

7. In the most recent Advisory 52, we highlighted that MOHE will allow staff/ students who are not fully vaccinated **to enter the campus beginning 1 March 2022**, subject to strict adherence to SOPs in line with the National COVID-19 Testing Strategy. We wish to notify the process for campus entry as follows:

- a. For the initial entry, you are required to take a **RT-PCR test at a recognised medical facility at least three (3)** days prior to entry. Kindly submit the test result to the Human Resources Department (for staff) or School Manager / Programme Administrator (for students) who will advise you from thereon to facilitate your re-entry to campus.
- b. Thereafter, you are required to do **weekly RTK-Ag self-tests**. Please submit the RTK-Ag test results to the Human Resources Department (for staff) or School Manager / Programme Administrator (for students).
- c. Please remember to submit your test results on time. Kindly be reminded that failure to adhere to this requirement could result in disciplinary action.

### **(C) REMINDER - FULLY VACCINATED STATUS: EXTENSION OF TIME TO GET BOOSTER SHOT**

8. For those required by the Government to get their booster shots by the end of February, the Government has announced an extension up to **31 March 2022**. This requirement is applicable to:
  - a. All adults aged 60 and above regardless of initial vaccine received; or
  - b. All adults aged 18 and above who received the Sinovac vaccine
9. Staff / students who do not get their booster shots by the extension deadline will **lose their Fully Vaccinated status**. If you fall under this category and wish to enter any of the SEG campuses, you will be required to adhere to the SOPs under **Part (B) (above)**.

### **(D) NATIONAL COVID-19 IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN (PICKids)**

10. We wish to take this opportunity to share some information with regard to our **Sunway International Schools (SIS)**. To ensure that your children are able to participate in all Teaching & Learning activities as permitted by the Ministry of Education, we encourage parents to get their children aged five to 11 years vaccinated immediately through PICKids ([covid-19.moh.gov.my/vaksin-covid-19/pickids](https://covid-19.moh.gov.my/vaksin-covid-19/pickids)) and ≥12 years through the National COVID-19 Immunisation Program (PICK). As of 1 March, over 800,000 children have received their first vaccine dose under PICKids.

### **(E) CONCLUSION**

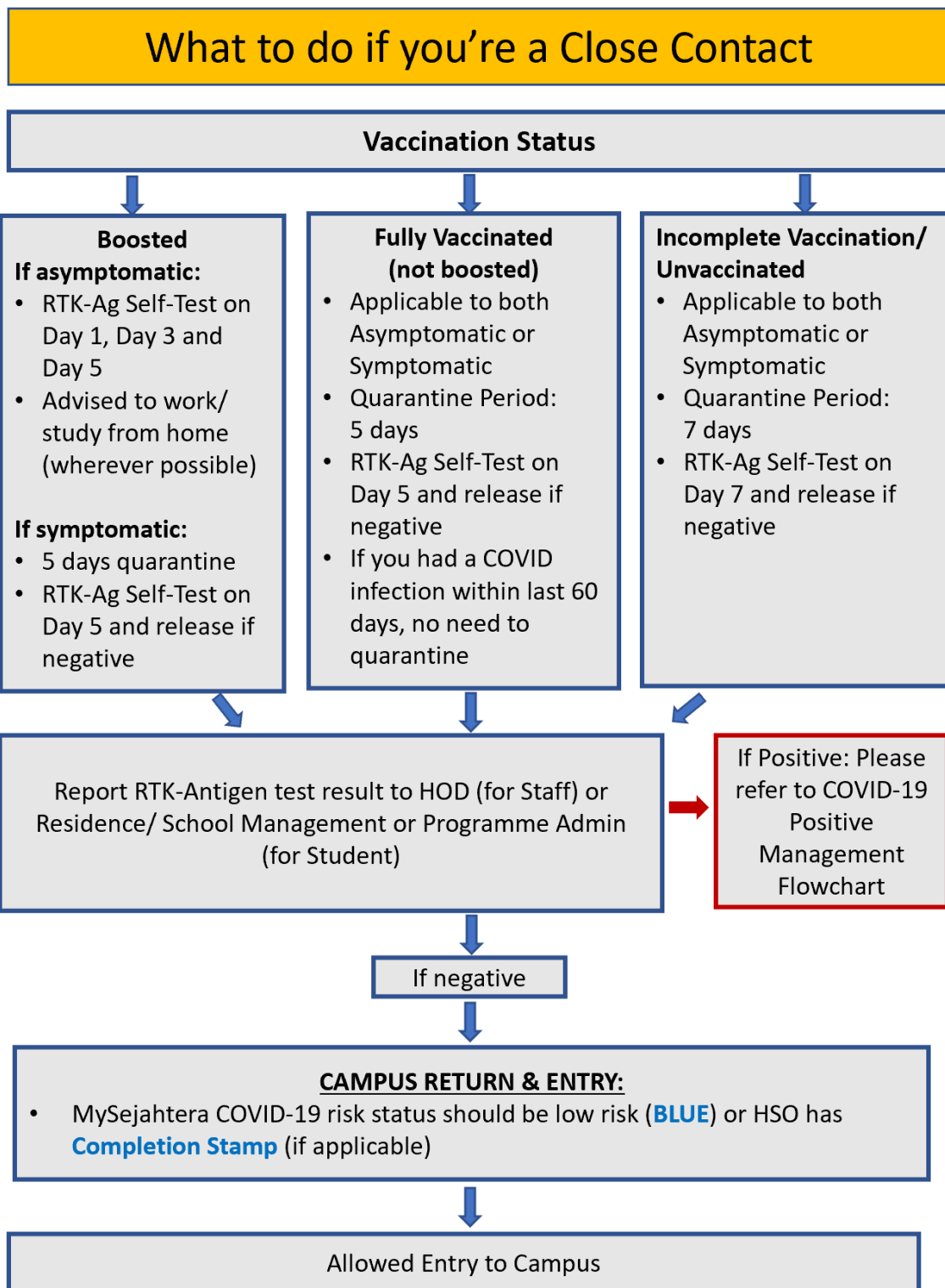
11. Although the Government no longer requires quarantine for asymptomatic close contacts, the Sunway Education Group COVID-19 Management Committee advocates (wherever possible) for all asymptomatic close contacts to work and learn from home to ensure the safety of the wider SEG community – your friends, lecturers, and by extension, their families and loved ones at home.
12. On that note, we thank you for your support, cooperation and understanding. Do stay well and safe.

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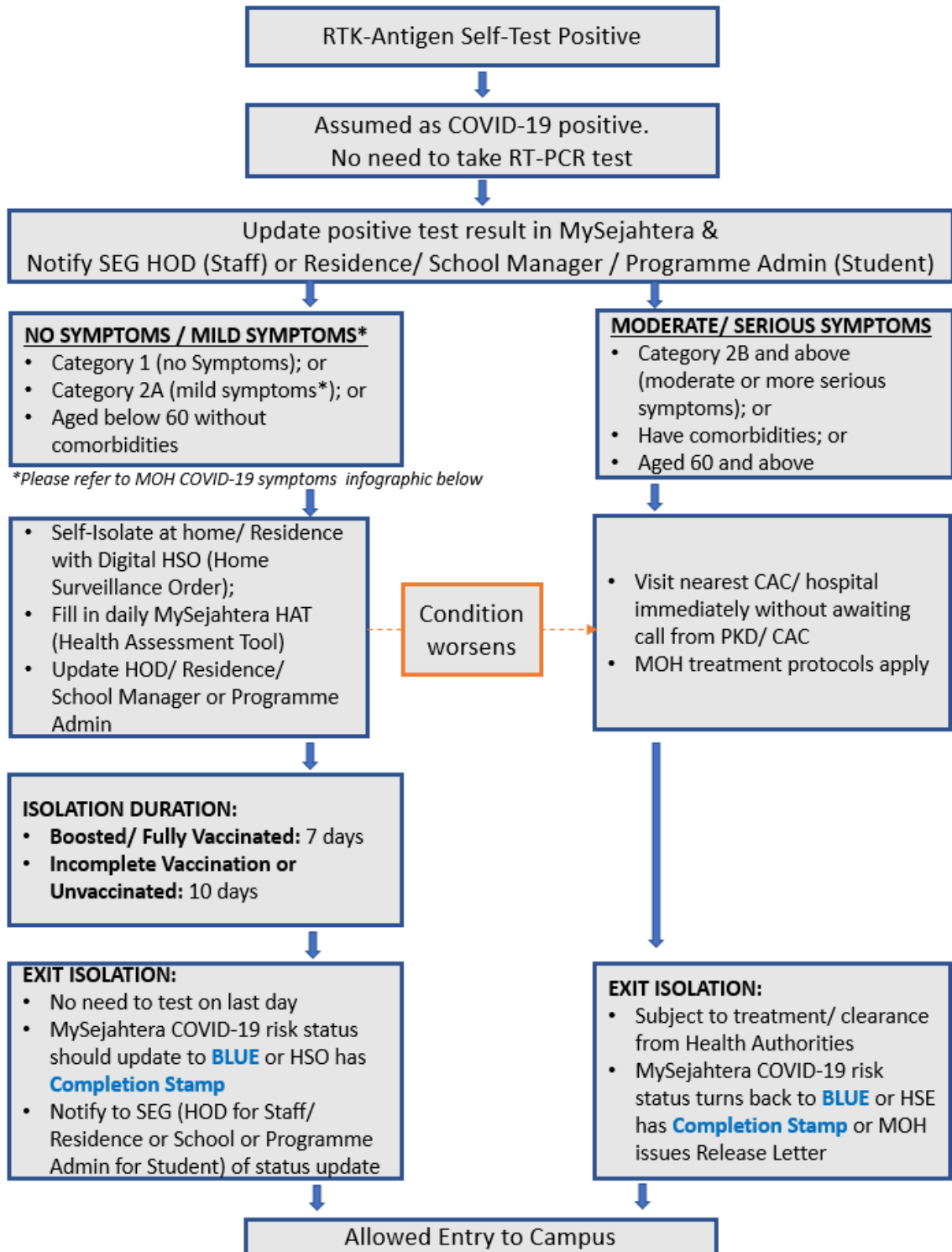
APPENDIX 1:



- Adapted from Ministry of Health Guidelines as at 28 Feb 2022
- Please contact HOD / Residence / School Manager or Programme Admin if any assistance is needed

APPENDIX 2:

# What to do if you're COVID-19 Positive



- Adapted from Ministry of Health Guidelines as at 17 Feb 2022
- Please contact HOD / Residence / School Manager or Programme Admin if any assistance is needed

APPENDIX 3:

**CATEGORY 2A (MILD) AND 2B (MODERATE)  
COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**



Category 2A	Category 2B
Sore throat or runny nose with no fever or shortness of breath	Persistent fever (2 days or more) or new onset fever after initial recovery
Cough with no fever or shortness of breath	Difficulty in breathing when carrying out activities (exertional dyspnea)
Loss of sense of taste but still has appetite to eat	Chest pain
Loss of sense of smell	No appetite or unable to drink
Has two (2) or less incidences of diarrhea within a 24 hour period but urinating intervals is normal	Lethargy especially when carrying out daily activities or after waking up
Feeling nauseous and vomiting	Require assistance to walk
Mild lethargy but still able to carry out daily activities	Worsening or persistent symptoms such as cough, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
Muscle aches but still able to carry out daily activities	Change in mental status such as confusion or lapses in consciousness
	Urinating less than usual within the last 24 hours