

COVID-19 Advisory 41: MCO 3.0 SOP UPDATES FOR SEG COMMUNITY

Dear Students and Staff Members of the Sunway Education Group (SEG) community.

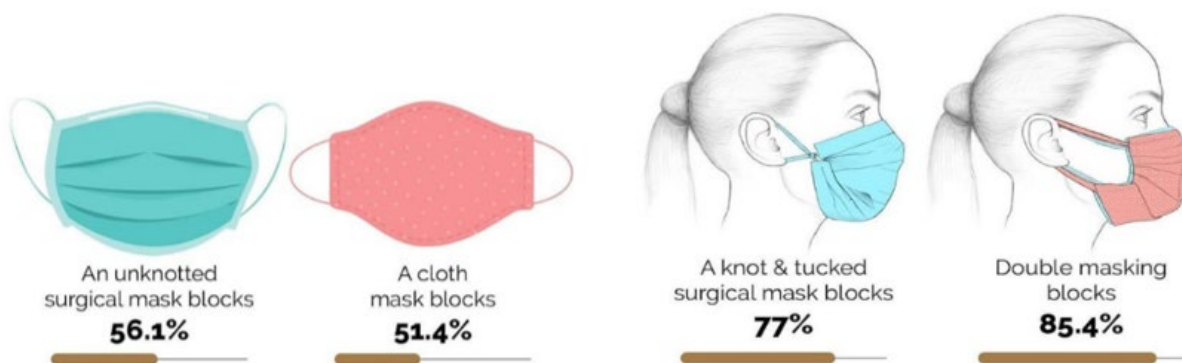
1. In our ongoing battle against the spread of COVID-19, the Government has announced recently a stricter iteration of MCO 3.0 coming into effect today, 25 May until 7 Jun 2021. Among the changes in Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) include shorter operation time for restaurants and shopping malls, reduced public transport services, as well as enhanced checks for entry into buildings and public premises. The Government hopes to also reduce the number of people who need to leave their homes unless absolutely necessary.
2. With regard to the institutions within the SEG, our campuses throughout Malaysia will remain closed to all face-to-face Teaching & Learning (which have been mandated by the Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) and Ministry of Education (MOE) to be conducted online). Notwithstanding, some educational activities are allowed to continue, subject to conditions. The COVID-19 Management Committee has deliberated on the [latest SOPs](#) and weighed this against our own need to ensure a safe environment for those covered under the SOPs. As such, we would like to provide the following reminders and updates:
3. **ENTRY TO CAMPUS:** In addition to filling-in the eDeclare form, getting your temperature checked, and showing your student or staff ID, all students, staff and visitors must show their **MySejahtera Risk Profile** to the security personnel at the entry checkpoints. You will only be allowed onto campus if you are in the Low Risk or Non-Symptomatic Casual Contact category. Please note that your risk profile can be accessed under the 'Profile' tab in the lower right corner of your MySejahtera app.



4. **CAMPUS ENTRY AUTHORISATION LETTERS:** Under MCO 3.0, students within the six (6) categories of 'students with needs' or needing access to special facilities, are allowed to access campus in line with the guidelines issued by the authorities. In this regard, SEG Institutions/ Schools/ Programmes will only issue authorisation letters to students who fall within the 6 categories. **Updated letters will be issued from 25 May onwards in line with the commencement of MCO 3.0.** Students' applications for the authorisation letters will be assessed before issuance and students must always have the letter with them on campus, as you may be required to produce the letter upon request by security or academic personnel.

5. **CLASSES:** As communicated in Advisories 38 and 39, all classes/ tutorials/ workshops have been mandated to be conducted online for the duration of the MCO. Only when special facilities are required for the 6 categories of students, including for clinical and practical training, sitting for international or professional examinations, and research activities involving laboratories, will campus access be allowed. Please be in touch with your respective programme directors or heads for further details. Students must immediately return home or to their accommodation after their lessons unless requiring access to the special facilities.

6. **DOUBLE-MASKING:** Some of you may have noticed that our Director-General of Health, Tan Sri Noor Hisham Abdullah, double-masking during his daily COVID-19 briefs. New research shows that double-masking or knot-&-tuck-masking **can substantially reduce the wearer's exposure to COVID-19. Optimal double masking comprises a surgical mask on the inside and a cloth mask on the outside.** The American Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CD) has published a guide which can be [accessed here](#). In light of this, SEG will be implementing double-masking or knot & tuck as follows:
 - a. **Mandatory** for practical classes/ in closed spaces; and
 - b. **Strongly encouraged** in open spaces around campus.



7. QUARANTINE PERIOD:

- a. **International or Local Students returning from overseas:** Quarantine duration will be subject to the latest Ministry of Health (MoH) requirements, including COVID-19 testing. Students will only be allowed to enter campus once they receive the clearance letter from the health authorities.

- b. **Returning from MCO states to Campus:** Isolation for 10-days at Residence or Private Accommodation. Students must fill-in the daily health assessment form provided by the

Residence/ respective Programme Administrators. Students may be exempted from the 10-day isolation period provided you take a COVID-19 swab test (RT-PCR only) from an authorised testing centre. The RT-PCR Test must be done only **after you return to your Sunway Hostel/ Residence/ private accommodation** and within 3 days prior to entering campus.

- c. **Close Contacts (aka Tier 2):** Quarantine for 14 days (or as advised by the District Health Officer).
8. **STAFF:** While the Government allows for up to 60% of all private staff to return to work, SEG will maintain its 30% limit of academic and non-academic staff to work on campus in order to provide essential services and to fulfil teaching and learning responsibilities as allowed under the SOPs, and making use of research facilities. Unless otherwise required to work on campus, all other staff shall Work From Home (WFH) and provide the necessary support and fulfil their professional responsibilities from home.
9. **VACCINATION REGISTRATION & ASTRAZENECA BOOKINGS:** As highlighted in [Advisory 40](#), the bookings for individuals aged 60 and above is currently ongoing. The **Government will open up AstraZeneca vaccination bookings for those below 60 years old starting tomorrow, 26 May 2021** from 12 pm onwards at www.vaksincovid.gov.my. We encourage our students and staff to take this opportunity to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Please refer to Advisory 40 for further details.
10. These SOP enhancements are made to further safeguard and protect our students, staff and campuses as a whole during this MCO 3.0 period. SEG is fully supportive of the Government's call to encourage WFH as well as Learn from Home, especially in these coming 2 weeks, which will prove critical in the effort to stem the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, unless you absolutely must leave home, please stay put and take a break from social activities. The situation is critical. We thank all of you for your cooperation and understanding always.

Stay safe.

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