

SUNWAY EDUCATION GROUP

COVID-19 Advisory 35: REMINDERS AMIDST RISE IN CASES NATIONWIDE

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

1. As we continue to engage with our community regarding COVID-19, we would like to take this opportunity to provide some further updates and reminders as we continue to live alongside this challenging pandemic.
2. Firstly, may we once again thank all members of our Sunway community for diligently adhering to campus SOPs. We truly believe this continued adoption of safe practices, coupled with all the other campus safety measures implemented, remains vital in ensuring that everyone is safe.
3. Over the weekend, we received information that an off-campus gathering involving external individuals and a number of our Sunway students has led to positive COVID-19 cases. Whilst the infections involving these students have occurred off-campus, our Health & Safety Team, together with the Registry and Student LIFE, have been deployed to proactively engage with and provide ongoing support for our infected & isolated students as best as we can. Close contacts of the infected students were identified and are currently in self-quarantine. As precaution, campus sanitising was also done over the weekend. None of the infected students or close contacts have been on campus this week.
4. While positive cases have been reported among members of our community, we wish to assure that **zero cases of infection were transmitted on-campus**. All infections occurred away from our campus grounds.
5. As part of our SOPs, we require members of our community who become close contacts of infected cases to undergo the RT-PCR COVID-19 swab test and observe a period of quarantine. We are also in constant contact with the authorities for reporting purposes.
6. We need to remain vigilant to ensure that we eliminate risks of on-campus transmission, and should not allow ourselves to become complacent. In this regard, we would like to reach out to you to help us in our quest to ensure that everyone on campus follows the Health & Safety guidelines that enable us to maintain a safe learning & working environment:
 - Nationwide, we are seeing infection numbers rise. As such, we urge our community to **maintain the same levels of discipline off-campus** as you do whilst on-campus, i.e. practise your safety measures everywhere you go.
 - Always **wear your mask** and maintain your **safe physical distance**, particularly during meals, where the potential and risk to lower your guard against this virus by removing your mask for a prolonged period are at its highest.

- Whenever possible, choose open spaces and **avoid enclosed spaces** with poor ventilation.
 - We would also encourage **fewer social activities** as the more people you mix around with, the higher the risk of a potential infection. Many people who have been tested positive, mentioned being infected by their closest friends and family, who had inadvertently been infected themselves.
 - Students attending classes on campus should **depart from campus after their classes** conclude, unless they need to attend to activities to support their learning on campus.
 - Indoor sports of any kind, including the Gym, will be **closed until further notice** as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of our students.
 - Outdoor sports, which are non-contact and benefit from the greater space, natural air & humidity, will be allowed to continue under the **close supervision of SEG staff**. Only SEG students and staff will be allowed to use the outdoor sports facilities.
7. To assist our community with the rapidly evolving situation, the [COVID-19 STUDENT RETURN GUIDE](#) offers you all the latest information and provides a progressive reference point on the various efforts taken to ensure that our campuses are safe for all in line with government SOPs. The contacts of key personnel are also listed in the guide should there be any need to get in touch with our SEG team or Institution/ School/ Programme Administrators or Managers.
 8. At the time of writing this advisory, we received news that all schools and higher education institutions within red zones in Sarawak will be closed for 2 weeks from April 20 to May 3 to curb the rising rate of COVID-19 infections in the state. As such, this would include Sunway College Kuching. To our students and staff there, we wish you well. Rest assured, arrangements will be made to ensure your learning is not jeopardised and essential service continue for our students' benefit. Most importantly, stay safe always and do reach out to your programme head or our counsellors should any support be needed.
 9. Finally, to all, please remember to stay vigilant and safe and let us continue to work together as a family to overcome this most challenging of times.

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