FAQs on Advisory for All Students Returning to Campus Effective 1 March 2022

1. What are the actions taken by UTP as a response to MoHE's recent directive in allowing IHL to accept categories of students as stipulated in MoHE recent directives and SOP?

UTP will continue to adhere to the directives set by MoHE and is committed to ensure that all procedures and SOPs set by MoHE and relevant authorities such as Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) and MoH are adhered to. The new directives based on MoHE SOP circulated on 14 February 2022, will take effect starting 1 March 2022.

We seek full commitment and support from all students in adhering to the advisories and SOP.

2. What are the differences between the new SOP and the previous SOP in terms of the categorisation of students who are allowed to enter the campus?

Effective 1 March 2022, <u>Malaysian Students regardless of their vaccination status</u> are allowed to return to campus.

However, partially vaccinated and non-vaccinated students (for any reason) are COMPULSORY to adhere to the new rulings/procedures as listed below should you decide or require to return to campus:

- I. Partially Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Students MUST undertake the RTK-PCR before returning to campus.
- II. Partially Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Students MUST undertake the RTK-Ag on a weekly basis.
- III. Should Partially Vaccinated and Non-Vaccinated Students develop any symptoms of Covid 19 while on campus, it is MANDOTORY for them to undertake the RTK-Ag for confirmation of their health status.

All cost and expenses associated to undertake the RTK-Ag are at students' own expenses.

3. Where can the students take the RTK Ag?

You are advised to conduct the test at your respective hometown 3 days prior to returning to campus and update the University on the status. Please refer to the flowchart on the procedures of returning to campus.

In Seri Iskandar, Perak, there are two clinics nearby the campus where you can conduct the RTK-Ag. You are advised to make an appointment before taking the test. The clinics are: -

CLINIC'S NAME	PHONE NUMBER
Klinik Syifa'	010-6563604
Klinik Redza Seri Iskandar (SIBC)	05-3716786

Should you develop any symptoms while on campus, please refer to item 8 for the steps to follow.

4. How can the students update UTP regarding vaccination status?

Students are advised to update UTP Centre for Student Experience on your vaccination and booster dose status via

LINK TO UPDATE VACCINATION

LINK TO UPDATE BOOSTER

The data is important for us to further enhance the procedures on campus upon students' return to campus. Furthermore, it is also important for us to keep MoHE updated on the overall vaccination status.

5. Is it necessary for UTP students to take the Booster Dose?

UTP would strongly recommend all UTP students to take the Booster Dose. We will facilitate and assist you in getting the Booster Dose either at UTP Clinic or the nearest District Health Clinic.

We strongly encourage you to proceed to any Vaccination Centre nearest to you to take the booster dose as this will shorten the period and increase your immune towards the infection.

Beginning 1 March 2022 and subject to the availability of UTP transportation, students who have no means of transportation to get the Booster Dose can register with UTP Centre for Student Experience via the <u>REGISTER TO GET BOOSTER DOSE AT DISTRIC HEALTH CLINIC</u>

Please adhere to all SOP when using UTP transportation.

6. What about international students?

According to MoHE's directives, all International Students must be fully vaccinated before entering the campus.

Please refer to the comprehensive guidelines given by the EMGS via EMGS Website.

7. What about outing procedures?

Outing procedures remain unchanged as per Covid Response Team notice dated 11 February 2022.

You may refer to the link here **OUTING NOTICE**.

8. What are the steps that students must take when they are tested positive for Covid 19 while on campus?

Should you develop any symptoms, remain calm and follow the steps as explained in this video:

VIDEO ON STEPS TO TAKE WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELVES POSITIVE COVID 19 WHILE BEING ON CAMPUS

9. What should the students do when they are identified as the Close Contacts?

Generally, students who are identified as close contacts will be contacted by UTP HSSE for risk assessment, and in many cases, the roommates and housemates to positive students are also required to stay in the Isolation Centre. The HSSE officials will get in touch with the Close Contacts via phone calls and if necessary and as per MOH practice, Close Contacts will need to stay in the Isolation Centre.

In general, the following are indicators in determining whether the students are Close Contacts or not

- i) Those who are staying in the same room and house.
- ii) Those who are in the same vehicle with positive student/s
- iii) Meeting face to face without face masks for more than 15 minutes and in a closed area.
- iv) Not meeting face to face but being in the same air-conditioned room for more than 2 hours with positive student/s.

10. Does UTP provide Quarantine Centre/Isolation Centre for Positive Students?

YES, UTP, in its aim to provide the best support for the students, provides a dedicated Quarantine/Isolation Centre. As per the current MOH's advisory, the quarantine/isolation will be based on below:

TYPE OF CASE	WHERE TO STAY	WHAT IS THE DURATION
Confirmed Positive	Quarantine Centre	7 days – Fully Vaccinated Students
Covid 19		10 days – Partially Vaccinated and
		Not Vaccinated
*Close Contacts	Isolation Centre	5 days – With Booster
		7 days – Without Booster
		10 days – Not Vaccinated

^{*}Subject to changes as per imposed by MOH.

The exact venue of the Quarantine/Isolation Centers will be shared with the students when the need arises.

11. What about recent directive from the Academic Division where all Teaching and Learning (T&L) are to be conducted online until 6 March 2022?

As of now until 6 March 2022 and subject to further notice from Academic Division, all T&L are to be conducted via Online.

12. Can students opt to remain at home until end of Semester?

All students are advised to follow and get the latest updates from the Academic Division from time to time if they opt to remain at hometowns until the end of the semester.

For information:

- a. Field work and labs/hands-on that are critical and need to be conducted via face-to-face approach will require students' physical presence on campus
- b. The final assessment is final examination, planned as physical face to face examination with strict SOP. Under certain circumstances, online final examination under controlled environment may be considered.

Students are advised to refer to the earlier FAQs with regards to the T&L as per given NOTICE dated 24 November 2021.

All consequences of failing to adhere to teaching, learning and assessment requirements are at students own responsibility.

PROCESS FLOW FOR PARTIALLY VACCINATED AND NON-VACCINATED STUDENTS TO ENTER CAMPUS BEGINNING 1 MARCH 2022

