

**UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI PETRONAS (UTP)  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ON  
THE RETURNING OF STUDENTS TO THE CAMPUS IN OCTOBER 2021  
FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 SEMESTER**

In line with the announcement made by the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) dated 14 September 2021, please see below the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the returning of students to the campus gradually beginning 5 October 2021. The FAQs provided herein must be read together with:

- Media Statement issued by MoHE dated 14 September 2021
- FAQs on “Kemasukan Pelajar Institusi Pendidikan Tinggi (IPT) Secara Fizikal Bagi Sesi Akademik Tahun 2021/2022” updated on 14 September 2021
- SOP Sektor Pendidikan Tinggi - updated on 14 September 2021
- Pelan Pemulihan Negara for all states updated on 14 September 2021

As per previous announcement made by UTP on 14 September 2021, **the University wishes to reiterate our stance that effective 1 October 2021, only students who are fully vaccinated are allowed to enter the campus.**

**A fully vaccinated person means he/she who has received the following vaccines with completed number of days for immunity response:**

- 14 days after the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine, such as the Pfizer, AstraZeneca or Sinovac vaccines,
- 28 days after a single-dose vaccine such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen or CanSino vaccines, or
- Any other vaccines as approved by the National Pharmaceutical Regulatory Agency (NPRA) and the corresponding optimum immune response and protection duration, and any booster doses imposed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) Malaysia from time to time; or any vaccination performed outside of Malaysia using vaccines recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Students who are yet to be vaccinated are advised and encouraged to take vaccination via walk in at any Vaccination Centres nationwide.

### **Questions and Answers**

1. **What are the actions taken by UTP as a response to MoHE's recent directive in allowing Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) students to return to the campus beginning 15 October 2021.**

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.

Based on the SOPs set by the Department of Higher Education on 14 September 2021, all IHLs can start the arrangement for students to return gradually to the campus based on the respective IHLs academic calendars.

Since UTP has already started its September semester, only identified fully vaccinated students are required to return to the campus in phases from **5 to 20 October 2021 as per the guidelines and procedures herein.**

**2. What are the categories of students who are allowed to enter the campus?**

Below are the categories of students who are allowed to enter the campus:

1. Final Year Project 2 (FYP2) with lab component. Please click this [link](#) for the list of subjects.
2. Postgraduate students with experimental work.
3. Students who are taking subjects with practical lab component and/or field trip for September 2021 semester. Please click this [link](#) for the list of subjects.
4. Students with incomplete status due to lab standing (for semester May 2020, September 2020, January 2021 and May 2021 students). Please click this [link](#) for the list of subjects.
5. Students with inconducive environment and unstable internet connection.
6. Fully vaccinated international students who are living abroad.

**3. Are international students/Malaysian students who are currently abroad and mentioned in the above categories allowed to return to the campus?**

For fully vaccinated international students who are now abroad, they may be subject to the specific SOPs set by EMGS, MFA, MOH and Malaysian Immigration Department.

For fully vaccinated local or international students who are currently abroad and plan to travel to Malaysia, they are advised to get the latest SOPs from [Malaysian Immigration Department](#) and/or [EMGS website](#).

For fully vaccinated Malaysian students who are currently abroad, your return to the campus must follow the guidelines set by the Malaysian Immigration Department. UTP can accept your return to the campus on any dates provided that you adhere to the SOPs set by the Malaysian Government. Please check and get the latest updates from the [Malaysian Immigration Department website](#).

**4. When are the students allowed to enter the campus?**

The following are the dates and categories of students who are allowed to return to the campus: -

CATEGORY	DATE	REMARK
Fully Vaccinated Final Year Students Taking FYP2 with Lab Component	5 October 2021/Tuesday	Students can opt to enter UTP either on 5 or 6 October 2021. They must register with UTP Centre for Student Experience (CSE) on the preferred date.
	6 October 2021 /Wednesday	

CATEGORY	DATE	REMARK
*Fully Vaccinated students who are taking subjects with practical lab component	7 October 2021/Thursday	Students who require lab sessions can either opt to enter UTP on 7 or 8 October 2021. They must register with UTP CSE on the preferred date.
	8 October 2021/Friday	

*\* Identified students who have been determined by the respective Academic Division as urgently required to return to the campus to use labs/equipment.*

CATEGORY	DATE / WEEK 6	REMARK
Fully vaccinated students with inconducive learning environment and unstable internet connection.	12 October 2021 / Tuesday	Students with inconducive environment can either opt to enter UTP on 12 or 13 October 2021. They must register with UTP CSE on the preferred date.
	13 October 2021/Wednesday	

As measures to maintain social distancing and safeguard the university’s communities, the limit for students to return to the campus is 500 pax per day. Please click [HERE](#) to register with UTP CSE.

**5. What if the vaccination completion days exceed week 7 or are not within the dates set by UTP? Can the students still request to return to the campus?**

For students whose vaccination completion period exceeds Week 7, you can still make the request to return to the campus by emailing to your respective Academic Chairs regarding your issue(s) and UTP CSE via En Ahmad Faiezal at [faiezal\\_majid@utp.edu.my](mailto:faiezal_majid@utp.edu.my). This is to assist for the rescheduling of your lab assessments and FYP projects accordingly.

**6. Do East Malaysian students have to follow the same dates as announced earlier or will there be any specific dates for them to travel from East Malaysia (EM) to return to the campus?**

UTP understands the difficulties faced by EM students for the arrangement to travel to Peninsular Malaysia. As such, UTP is giving leeway and flexibility for fully vaccinated East Malaysia students to return to the campus as per the following dates:

AVAILABLE DATES	REMARKS
12 October 2021 /Tuesday	Fully vaccinated EM students who are living in Sabah, Labuan and Sarawak can choose to travel to campus on any of these dates.  However, UTP encourages all EM students to come in groups of at least 20 pax and above for UTP to make the transportation arrangement.  All EM students will be invited to join a special WhatsApp Group to coordinate your movement into the campus. Link to this WhatsApp Group will be sent via email.
13 October 2021 /Wednesday	
19 October 2021 / Thursday	
20 October 2021 /Friday	

**7. What are the procedures that students need to follow before returning to the campus?**

Students must ensure that below procedures are followed and adhered to before returning to campus:

- i. To register with the UTP CSE at this [LINK](#) before 8pm, 27 September 2021.
- ii. To ensure your requested entry is in accordance with the stipulated categories and dates as per pre-determined by UTP i.e., *FYP 5 or 6 October 2021, Labs 7 or 8 October 2021, inconducive environment 12 or 13 October 2021*.
- iii. To take the RTK Antigen Test one day before travelling/entrance date to the campus - applicable to all students from all states. Only students with NEGATIVE results can proceed to travel.
- iv. No public transportations are allowed except for East Malaysia students. Students can also choose to come via carpool. All passengers must be fully vaccinated.
- v. Fully vaccinated students can be accompanied/travelled with fully vaccinated accompanying members/family members
- vi. Fully vaccinated students as per categories determined by UTP will be given the *Surat Kebenaran Kembali ke Kampus* (Permission Letter to Return to the Campus).

**8. What is RTK Antigen and where are we supposed to do the test?**

The Antigen Rapid Test Kit (RTK-Ag) is a common method used in Malaysia to determine if you have contracted Covid-19 virus. This method detects viral protein related to the coronavirus to determine a reactive or non-reactive result. As the name suggests, the rapid test is a faster method of detecting the virus in the body and can take as quickly as 15 minutes to acquire the results. Typically, the rapid test only requires a swab sample from the nose to yield results of reactive or non-reactive.

In order to further safeguard the university's community, the university has taken an extra measure by making it compulsory for the students to take the RTK Antigen Test one day prior to their return to the campus. Students can go to any health district clinics, private clinics and clinical labs such as BP Clinical Lab, Pathlab and many others to set appointment to do the RTK Antigen Test.

**9. Are the students required to stay in the Isolation Centre (IC) upon entering the campus?**

Beginning October 2021, only fully vaccinated students are allowed to enter the campus and are no longer required to be isolated in the ICs. However, students must take the RTK Antigen Test a day before returning to the campus. UTP reserves the rights to deny entry for students who are not able to produce or show the RTK Antigen results.

**10. Are the students allowed to enter the campus if they cannot take the vaccination due to medical reasons?**

The students are required to inform UTP CSE via En Ahmad Faiezal at [faiezal\\_majid@utp.edu.my](mailto:faiezal_majid@utp.edu.my) and UTP Health Safety & Environment via En Azimie Ahmad at [azimie.ahmad@utp.edu.my](mailto:azimie.ahmad@utp.edu.my) of their medical conditions which must be supported by valid medical reports or certification letters from any hospitals or clinics. For these students, please expect delay of returning to campus. Further information will be communicated accordingly to these students.

**11. Will the students be given any consideration to return to the campus if they refuse to take the vaccination?**

No, they are not permitted to return to the campus.

**12. Is it compulsory for the identified students to return to the campus in October 2021?**

It is compulsory for the identified students to return to the campus in October 2021 especially those who require hands on lab or field work as their absence can cause an “Incomplete” status for the subject. The “Incomplete” status remains until the students are able to return to the campus and complete the hands-on lab component. Depending on the students’ current standing/status, this may affect/delay the their study progression or completion/graduation.

Please click this [link](#) for the list of students and course codes.

**13. Why should the students return to UTP to complete the hands-on lab components if they can be offered via simulation?**

For any academic programmes, there is a need to meet the learning domains related to the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains. Hands-on lab activities are conducted to satisfy the psychomotor domain. Hence, students will be required to return to the campus to address the gaps in the psychomotor domain before their study completion.

**14. How will the teaching and learning be conducted once the students return to the campus?**

Lectures and tutorials will be conducted either online, or via hybrid learning depending on the class size. Practical labs/field trip will be conducted face-to-face. All teaching and learning activities will adhere strictly to the SOPs issued by MKN.

**15. If the students do not wish to stay on campus, are they allowed to enter the campus daily from their homes for hands-on lab activities?**

UTP would strongly advise students to stay on campus at their respective villages throughout the September 2021 semester until the semester ends. This advice is applicable to all students even though their hometowns are within UTP vicinity.

**16. What about accommodations in UTP? Can the students stay at a single occupancy room?**

Fully vaccinated students will be assigned rooms on a twin sharing basis. Our Residential Village (RV) will communicate and arrange for your accommodations accordingly.

Any specific request related to room preference shall be addressed directly to the RV’s administration.

You are advised to contact the RV Department via [UCS](#).

**17. Can the students access the sports facilities?**

Students are allowed to access certain sports facilities as per MKN SOPs. Students who wish to use the indoor/outdoor sports facilities are required to book the facilities 48 hours prior to usage via the following links:

- a. Gymnasium, Swimming Pool, Aerobic and Kayak  
Cognito Form: <https://bit.ly/2LFsz7T>
- b. Other facilities:  
UTP UBooking: <https://bit.ly/3hzi7LU>

- 18. Who should the students contact if they require more clarifications on returning to the campus in October 2021?**

Students may contact the COVID Response Team via email at [covid.response@utp.edu.my](mailto:covid.response@utp.edu.my).

**CATEGORIES OF STUDENTS AND DATES RETURNING TO THE CAMPUS  
IN OCTOBER 2021**

PENINSULAR MALAYSIA (by category of students) and EAST MALAYSIA (by flight availability)

#	CATEGORY	DATE/S	WEEK		CATEGORY	AVAILABLE DATES	
1	Fully vaccinated Final Year Students taking FYP2 with lab component	5 October 2021				12 October 2021	
		6 October 2021					
2	i. Fully vaccinated students who are taking subjects with practical lab component ii. Fully vaccinated Students with incomplete status due to lab standing	7 October 2021	5		East Malaysia Students	13 October 2021	6
		8 October 2021					
3	Fully vaccinated students with inconducive learning environment and unstable internet connection.	12 October 2021	6			19 October 2021	7
		13 October 2021					
4	International Students living abroad	To follow the SOPs set by the EMGS, Malaysia Immigration Department and MoHE				20 October 2021	

**PROCEDURES TO UNDERTAKE AND ADHERE TO:**

- ✓ REGISTER WITH UTP CENTRE FOR STUDENT EXPERIENCE (CSE)
- ✓ ATTEND ENGAGEMENT SESSION WITH UTP CSE ON THE PROCEDURES TO ADHERE TO AS PER DATES SET.
- ✓ EAST MALAYSIA STUDENTS TO JOIN A SPECIAL WHATSAPP GROUP WITH UTP CSE OFFICIALS
- ✓ TAKE RTK ANTIGEN 24 HOURS BEFORE TRAVELLING. (ONLY NEGATIVE RESULTS ARE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL)
- ✓ RECEIVE SURAT KEBENARAN KEMBALI KE KAMPUS FROM UTP CSE 72 HOURS BEFORE TRAVELLING.



PROCESS FLOW  
FOR STUDENTS RETURNING TO THE CAMPUS IN OCTOBER 2021

