

Cancellation of student orientation activities

Dear students and colleagues,

Orientation activities organised by Student Development Services for new students on 24-26 August have unfortunately been cancelled to prevent the further spread of Influenza A/H1N1. This regrettable decision stems from the University's concern over an increasing number of cases arising from students participating in the Students' Union Orientation Camp earlier this month.

Orientation is recognised as a vital component in any new student's familiarisation with the campus. The cancellation of the University's orientation activities, including the University Welcoming Ceremony, underscores our determination to place the health of our students at the forefront of all considerations.

The University will continue to monitor the situation closely and enact further contingency plans as required.

We also urge you to adopt the following preventive measures to safeguard your own health:

- keep hands clean and wash hands frequently with soap and water or apply alcohol-based hand cleaners;
- avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth;
- cover nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing;
- do not spit and always wrap nasal and mouth discharges with tissue paper, and dispose of the tissue paper properly in a lidded rubbish bin;
- wear mask when symptoms of respiratory tract infection or fever develop, and seek medical advice promptly; and
- refrain from work or school if symptoms develop.

We have set up a dedicated hotline (3442 7466) to answer any queries regarding the University's preventive measures against the spread of Influenza A/H1N1 and related matters. For more useful links and information about the influenza, please visit the [Campus Prevention of Influenza website](#) of the University.

Ad-hoc Group on Prevention of Influenza Pandemic
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