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All Staff and Students

### **Advisory on Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia**

1. As you are aware, there is a developing novel coronavirus (nCoV) pneumonia situation in Wuhan and other parts of China. The Ministry of Health (MOH) is monitoring the situation closely.
2. **For your safety, please defer your travel plans to China with immediate effect, until further notice.**
3. Those who have been to Wuhan and other areas in China should monitor their health closely for 14 days upon their return to Singapore, and to seek medical attention promptly if they feel unwell. They should also inform their doctor of their travel history. If they have a fever or respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough, shortness of breath), they should wear a mask and call the clinic ahead of the visit.
4. MOH has also advised the following precautions at all times:
  - Avoid contact with live animals including poultry and birds, and consumption of raw and undercooked meats;
  - Avoid close contact with people who are unwell or showing symptoms of illness;
  - Observe good personal hygiene;
  - Practise frequent hand washing with soap (e.g. before handling food or eating, after going to toilet, or when hands are soiled by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing);
  - Wear a mask if you have respiratory symptoms such as a cough or runny nose;
  - Cover your mouth with a tissue paper when coughing or sneezing, and dispose the soiled tissue paper in the rubbish bin immediately; and
  - Seek medical attention promptly if you are feeling unwell.
5. Please seek medical attention at the University Health Centre on campus during office hours if you are unwell. After office hours, please proceed to the nearest 24-hour clinic or the Accident & Emergency department at the nearest hospital.
6. For the latest update on the nCoV situation, please refer to [MOH's website](#).
7. If you have any further questions, please contact: [osareponds@nus.edu.sg](mailto:osareponds@nus.edu.sg) (for students) and [ohrshardservices@nus.edu.sg](mailto:ohrshardservices@nus.edu.sg) (for staff).

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