



**WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2020
7.00 PM**

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA (USM)

Following the increase in COVID-19 positive cases and the worrying trend of recently identified cases throughout the country since 1 October 2020, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) is ready to take the necessary approach and precautionary steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of its community members.

The University is taking several initiatives in dealing with the situation on campus including matters regarding the **admission of students to the campus**. Among the decisions reached and to be given attention to are:

1. ADMISSION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS TO THE CAMPUS

- All postgraduate students (local or international) currently staying in the country will be allowed access into and out of the campus on matters relating to study and research **PROVIDING THAT:**
 - ✓ A special approval from the Dean of the School (**Form A, as attached**) has been obtained – Do request for the latest approval for Semester 1, 2020/2021.
 - ✓ A date has been set to enter the campus and to fill in the online health declaration form three days prior to returning to the campus.
 - ✓ Return and immediately go to the Health facility on campus for COVID-19 screening on the first day of returning to the campus.
 - ✓ Abide by the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the University in curbing the spread of COVID-19 (PTJs are also requested to ensure that all facilities comply to the Guidelines on Lab Operations Post-MCO COVID-19 which has been issued by the Division of Research and Innovation).
 - ✓ Not coming from the **RED ZONES** (by referring to the latest information chart on *Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre-CPRC*, Ministry of Health Malaysia).

2. ADMISSION OF UNDERGRADUATES (YEARS 2, 3 & 4) TO THE CAMPUS

- Returning students **ARE NOT ENCOURAGED** to return to the campus until the mid-semester break ends, which is on 7/12/2020 (Subject to change depending on current development of COVID-19 cases).
- Nevertheless, returning students who fall under these categories **WILL BE ALLOWED** to return to the campus based on cases, according to the schedule below:

Final-year students who need to complete their final-year project (FYP) in Semester 1, or other pressing needs	Saturday & Sunday 24 & 25 October 2020
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<p>Students year 2 and 3 (from the B40 and B10 groups) with special needs/having internet connectivity problems for online learning</p> <p>Students year 2, 3, and 4 whom are requested to enter the campus by the respective Schools</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 31 October 2020</p>
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- Admission of students into the campus as shown in the table above **ARE ONLY ALLOWED WITH PERMISSION:**
 - ✓ Approval from the Dean (through a Special Approval Form - **Form A, as attached**) has been obtained.
 - ✓ A date has been set to enter the campus and to fill in the online health declaration form three days prior to returning to the campus.
 - ✓ Return and immediately go to the Health facility on campus for COVID-19 screening on the first day of returning to the campus.
- Students coming from the **RED ZONES** are not allowed to return to the campus. (please refer to the latest information chart on *Crisis Preparedness and Response Centre-CPRC*, Ministry of Health Malaysia)
- The University authorities will reactivate Form A, Yellow Form, Red Form and White Form (Special forms for permission to enter and exit the campus).

3. ADMISSION OF UNDERGRADUATES (New Students) TO THE CAMPUS

- New USM students will continue their learning session fully online.
- Subject to the decision of the University in the future, the date that new students can enter the university the soonest is after the mid-semester break (7 December 2020). Please be aware of announcements which will be made later.

Students at the Health Campus and Engineering Campus will be subjected to the permission from the respective Campus Directors.

Students need to always be aware of announcements from the University and the respective Schools.

If a student decides to come to the campus, the student will be subjected to any decision made by the University. If the University sets measures to restrict access on entry-exit (campus entry-exit movement control), the student needs to abide by it in supporting the efforts of the University to manage the risk and ensure that the campus is free from cases relating to COVID-19.

Throughout the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) period, all students are urged to always practice self-regulation including physical distancing, wearing a face mask, frequently washing the hands with soap and water or using a *hand sanitizer* in addition to taking care of their health as preventive measures against being infected.

If there are symptoms of COVID-19, a student needs to seek treatment at the nearest medical facility. Early treatment can reduce the risk of the illness from becoming more critical.

For further information, please contact the hotline numbers at the respective USM campuses as shown below:

- 1) Main Campus:- 04-6532267 / 04-6536124 (Nerve Centre)
- 2) Health Campus:- 09-7671310
- 3) Engineering Campus:- 04-5995530/5531/5532/5533
- 4) Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (IPPT) :- 04-5622999

Email:- nerve_centre_usm@usm.my

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