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OFFICIAL GUIDELINE

IIUM OFFICIAL GUIDELINE FOR CAMPUS REOPENING 01/2021

*** This guideline applies to all staff and students of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM).*

** This guideline is subject to change as instructed by MKN and other authorities.*

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SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

In developing this guideline, IIUM considers the following:

1. No student shall be left behind.
2. Teaching and learning must be effective, equitable and humanising.
3. Students with accessibility issues for learning must be assisted.
4. 96% of staff are already vaccinated against COVID-19.
5. 65% of students already reported they had been vaccinated, and the percentage is increasing by the day.
6. The country is entering the COVID-19 endemic period. So, any guideline should be forward-looking and not address current requirements only.
7. The announcement made by the Honourable Minister of Higher Education on 14th September 2021.

SECTION 2: IMPORTANT FACTS

1. COVID-19 is an infection caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
2. Vaccination has been shown to protect people against severe disease and death.
3. Vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission but is less effective against newer variants.
4. Vaccinated individuals can still get the infection and transmit the infection to others, especially with the Delta variant. However, the risk is lower, and even if infected, they can recover from the virus faster.
5. Vaccination is not mandatory in Malaysia, but the government has relaxed many restrictions for those who have completed their vaccination.
6. Vaccination alone is not the way out from the pandemic.

SECTION 3: OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this guideline is **to protect the IIUM community from SARS-CoV-2 infection and, at the same time, return to a certain level of pre-COVID-19 normalcy.**

From the perspective of the Maqāsid Ash-Sharī'ah, this guideline aims to fulfil the maslahah' āmmah (benefit of the larger community) in which the interest of the general public shall take priority and precedence over maslahah fardhīyyah (individual benefit).

SECTION 4: GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. IIUM is steadfast in ensuring the safety of her campuses and her community.
2. All positive cases, Person Under Surveillance (PUS), Person Under Investigation (PUI), close contact and symptomatic persons are not allowed to enter the campuses.
3. All members of the IIUM community must take active actions to prevent being infected with COVID-19 and from infecting others at any time in the University.
4. The IIUM community must have the sense of responsibility to adhere to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) announced by the Government and the University.
5. The IIUM community should be empowered to make their own decisions, but in doing so, they must be held accountable for every action made. This includes, but is not limited to, unvaccinated persons not being able to be physically present in certain areas/situations or may be subject to extra measures, in line with the primary objective stated above.
6. Completely vaccinated persons will be given greater access to the campuses and University facilities. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated persons will be subjected to stringent conditions to access the campuses and the facilities.
7. IIUM shall make an effort to facilitate staff and students to get their vaccinations.
8. Staff and students are highly encouraged to get their vaccinations, as vaccination has shown to reduce morbidity and mortality due to COVID-19 and, to some extent, lower the transmission rate.
9. IIUM is committed to ensuring equitable, and humanising education continues despite the pandemic.

SECTION 5: SEMESTER 1 2021/2022

1. Semester 1 2021/2022 will begin from 4th October 2021.
2. Kulliyahs are given the flexibility to begin classes on 4th October 2021 (or 3rd October 2021 for Pagoh campus) or delay classes until 18th October 2021 (or 17th October 2021 for Pagoh campus).
3. However, Kulliyahs must ensure that the teaching and learning requirement is fulfilled before the start of Semester 2 2021/2022. Details will be released by the respective Kulliyahs.
4. Kulliyahs are also given the flexibility to decide on the mode of teaching and learning (either in-person, hybrid, or remote) that suits their needs and requirements.
5. These flexibilities are accorded to allow sufficient time for returning and new students to complete their vaccinations before entering the campuses.

SECTION 6: RETURNING AND NEW STUDENTS

IIUM is cognizant of the importance of in-person presence on campus for an impactful transformative education process; the following is a balance between *hifz al-nafs* and *hifz-al 'aql*:

1. Returning students and new students who are completely vaccinated (more than 14 days after the second dose of Pfizer, AstraZeneca and Sinovac vaccines; or 28 days after the single dose of CanSino and Johnson & Johnson vaccines) may enter campuses beginning 15th October in stages. A detailed schedule for entering the campuses will be posted on i-Ma'luum beginning 20th September 2021.
2. Returning students and new students must obtain approval from their respective Kulliyahs before entering the campus. The process of obtaining the approval will be posted on i-Ma'luum beginning 20th September 2021.
3. Returning students and new students who are unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated must contact their Kulliyahs immediately for advice on getting their vaccination completed.
4. All returning students and new students are encouraged to undergo a COVID-19 self-test before entering the campuses to ensure they are free from COVID-19.

5. All COVID-19 positive cases, PUS, PUI, close contact and symptomatic students are **not allowed** to return to campus.
6. Once on campus, all returning students and new students will have to undergo a self-COVID-19 symptom monitoring period which will be coordinated by the Occupational, Safety, Health and Built Environment Department (OSHBE).
7. Once on campus, any symptomatic students must report their status to IHWC/IIUM Family Health Clinic

SECTION 7: LIVING OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

1. Living off-campus (LOC) postgraduate students who are completely vaccinated are allowed to enter the campuses, subject to Kulliyahs approval. The process of obtaining the approval will be posted on i-Ma'luum beginning 20th September 2021.
2. LOC students who are unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated must contact their Kulliyahs immediately for advice on getting their vaccination completed.
3. IIUM has the right to deny entry into campuses.

SECTION 8: STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY ON-CAMPUS

1. Students who are already on-campus are allowed to continue remaining on campus.
2. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated students who are already on-campus must contact their Kulliyahs immediately for advice on getting their vaccination completed.
3. Any symptomatic on-campus students must report their status to IHWC/IIUM Family Health Clinic

SECTION 9: STUDENT OUTINGS

1. Although it is highly not advisable, completely vaccinated students on-campus are allowed to go for outings.
2. Student outings will be allowed beginning 16th September 2021 under strict SOP.
3. Students are reminded to ensure that they follow SOPs and to be mindful of the risk of infection outside of the campus.
4. On-campus students who are unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated are not allowed to go for outings.
5. The detailed SOP for student outings will be issued by 15th September 2021.

SECTION 10: MAHALLAH ARRANGEMENTS

1. The University reserves the right to assign returning students to specific Mahallah in order to ensure efficient management of COVID-19 risk within the campuses.
2. At any time, on-campus students may be required to move from their assigned rooms in order to facilitate the University's management of COVID-19 infection.

SECTION 11: STAFF WORKING ON CAMPUS

1. The number of staff allowed on campus is based on the National Recovery Plan (NRP).
2. Completely vaccinated staff are requested to Work on Campus (WOC) in stages as mentioned in the National Recovery Plan and on a rotational basis as arranged by the Deans/Directors of K/C/D/I/O/Ms.
3. All staff (Work on Campus and Work from Home) are required to register their attendance (log-in and log-out) in the IIUM HURIS system effective from 20th September 2021.
4. All staff are highly encouraged to complete their COVID-19 vaccination to ensure the safety of the IIUM community.
5. Staff who have incomplete vaccination must contact their respective Deans/Directors for the purpose of work coordination, COVID-19 testing and advice on getting their vaccination completed.

6. Unvaccinated and incompletely vaccinated staff but are scheduled to WOC are subject to undergo weekly COVID-19 tests at their own expense.
7. Staff who requires cross-state travel may request a verification letter from respective Deans/Directors.



SECTION 12: OTHER COMMUNITIES ON CAMPUS

1. Other on-campus persons such as visitors, café operators, contractors and maintenance workers should be completely vaccinated before entering the campuses.
2. All visitors or workers entering the campuses will be required to present their vaccination status to OSEM.
3. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated visitors and workers must show proof of negative COVID-19 test results within 72 hours prior to entering the campuses.
4. IIUM has the right to deny entry into campuses.

SECTION 13: ACCESS TO FACILITIES WITHIN CAMPUS

1. All members of the IIUM community must adhere to the conditions and SOPs for the use of facilities within the campuses.
2. Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated persons will have limited access to facilities within the campuses and may also be refused from using certain facilities within the campuses.

SECTION 14: TESTING AND MONITORING

1. On-campus unvaccinated persons will be subjected to regular COVID-19 testing and monitoring.
2. On-campus unvaccinated persons are required to produce test results on a weekly basis.
3. Unvaccinated staff and students, without a valid medical reason, will have to bear the cost of testing on their own.
4. The University accepts any COVID-19 testing methods approved by the Ministry of Health Malaysia.
5. Everyone, regardless of their vaccination status, must undergo a COVID-19 test within 72 hours before attending any activity which is allowed as per NRP that involves many people or involves the public.

SECTION 15: CONCLUSION

1. All staff and students must:
 - a. practice physical distancing of 2 metres apart at all times;
 - b. avoid the **3C** (**C**rowded, **C**onfined and **C**losed conversation);
 - c. practice the **3W** (**W**ash hands, **W**ear a mask and **W**arn);
 - d. observe appropriate coughing and sneezing etiquette; and
 - e. wear a mask in public areas.
2. All shall be subjected to action under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Disease Act 1988 (Act 342) for failure to declare or false declaration of your health condition and/or contact tracing situation or intentionally refuse to provide any relevant information as required by the University authority.

May Allah s.w.t. protect us all.

IIUM SEJAHTERA COUNCIL
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