



**TUESDAY, 12 JANUARY 2021  
6.00 PM**

**LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR ALL STUDENTS AT ALL USM CAMPUSES**

Following the latest announcement from the Prime Minister of Malaysia regarding the Movement Control Order (MCO) for six states including Penang beginning 13 until 26 January 2021, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) would like to emphasise on a few decisions which the University has made:

**1. STUDENT-RELATED MATTERS**

1.1 Students are **ALLOWED** to stay on campus until the final examination and until the end of the semester.

1.2 Final-year project (FYP) students and postgraduate students currently on campus are **ALLOWED** to attend the laboratory to perform their respective assignments/lab experiments

1.3 Laboratories which receive test samples from internal or industrial customers **MAY** continue their operations as usual.

1.4 Students currently on campus are also **ADVISED** to remain on campus and continue the online learning sessions as usual.

1.5 Non-resident students (PETAS) having the need to be on campus daily are **HIGHLY ADVISED** to come into campus and stay in the 'desasiswa' in order to minimise entry-exit into the campus throughout the two-week MCO period. Throughout the 2 weeks, no charge will be imposed on PETAS students on their stay at the 'desasiswa'. However, if the MCO is extended, daily rates will then be charged.

Students too are required to abide by the following:

1.5.1 – Obtain permission from the Dean/Head of Department by filling in 'Borang A'

1.5.2 – Submit a request through the USM Nerve Centre beginning **today until tomorrow, Wednesday, 13 January 2020 at 3.00 pm.**

1.5.3 – Fill in the online COVID-19 declaration information

1.5.4 – Be present at the health facility (Pusat Sejahtera@Main Campus/Health Unit@Engineering Campus) to undergo the health screening test before being placed at the 'desasiswa'.

1.5.5 – Students who have entered the campus are **NOT ALLOWED** to go out of the campus throughout the 2-week period.

1.6 It is **COMPULSORY** to wear a face mask properly at all times.

1.7 Sports and recreational activities involving not more than two individuals are allowed, such as walking and jogging. Any team sports event/competition is **NOT ALLOWED.**

Nevertheless, permission for the above-mentioned matters will be **SUBJECT** to the compliance of the high Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and in accordance with the official information from the USM Nerve Centre from time to time.

## **2. MATTERS REGARDING TEACHING AND LEARNING**

The University will empower the Dean/Head of Department to make any detailed/operational decision based on the following factors according to priority:

- 2.1 Ensure the safety of all parties supervised
- 2.2 Ensure that teaching and learning continues
- 2.3 Ensure that the required academic quality is maintained

And the above matters are also **SUBJECT** to the decision of the University and the Government from time to time.

## **3. OPERATION HOURS OF USM ENTRANCES**

Main entrances into all campuses will be opened for entry-exit access at times listed below:

<b>Campus</b>	<b>Gate</b>	<b>Time</b>
Main Campus	Stadium Gate	24 hours
	RST Gate	
Engineering Campus, Nibong Tebal	Main Gate	
Health Campus, Kubang Kerian	Gate A	7.00 am until 7.00 pm
IPPT, Bertam	Gate A	6.00 am until 7.00 pm
	Gate B	7.00 pm until 7.00 am
	Sains@Bertam Gate	24 hours

## **4. BUS OPERATIONS ON CAMPUS**

The USM Commuter Bus (Main Campus only) will be in operations to provide ease of movement to students in their daily routines from the 'desasiswa' to the respective Schools. The bus service is also provided to limit the use of students' vehicles on campus.

## **5. REMINDER**

Being on campus, students need to abide by the decisions made by the University. If the University implements measures to limit the entry-exit (restriction of movement for entry-exit into and out of the campus), students are required to adhere to the efforts of the University in taking measures to control the risks and to ensure that the campus is free of cases relating to COVID-19.

Courteous practices are highly encouraged. Any misdemeanour **NEED TO BE AVOIDED**, more so towards the frontliners of the University who are working tirelessly to ensure that level of safety of the campus residents is at its highest.

Throughout this MCO period, all students are urged to always practice self-monitoring including physical distancing, wearing a face mask, frequent washing of hands with soap and water or

using a hand sanitiser, 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.

USM always strives to ensure that all its campuses are free of COVID-19 for the safety and wellbeing of all its residents.

For further information, please contact the USM operations centre hotline numbers listed below:

- 1) Main Campus: - 04-6532267 / 04-6536124 (Nerve Centre)
- 2) Health Campus: - 09-7671306
- 3) Engineering Campus: - 04-5995530 / 5531/5532/5533
- 4) Advanced Medical and Dental Institute (IPPT): - 04-5622999

Email:- [nerve\\_centre\\_usm@usm.my](mailto:nerve_centre_usm@usm.my)

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