



## MESSAGE FROM VICE PROVOST (EDUCATION)



Dear SMU community

As announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce yesterday, the government will remove the legal requirement for mask-wearing in indoor settings from **29 August 2022**, except for settings where essential services are carried out in enclosed and crowded areas, and which are frequently used by vulnerable persons, such as public transport and healthcare settings.

Therefore, mask-wearing will be optional on the SMU campus, including classrooms, campus facilities, as well as food and beverage outlets. Those who prefer to continue wearing a mask on campus for health or other reasons should feel free to do so.

Given SMU's interactive pedagogy, the lifting of the mask requirement is a welcome move that will improve the in-person teaching and learning experience.

Meanwhile, I encourage all of us to continue exercising personal and social responsibility. For students, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, please self-isolate, inform your instructors of your absence from class and also inform the Office of Safety & Security ([oss@smu.edu.sg](mailto:oss@smu.edu.sg)).

I am heartened that we have navigated through the past two and a half years as one SMU community and Singapore is on track to a COVID-19 resilient future. With mask-wearing made

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optional, I look forward to seeing everyone's smiles in classes and meetings.

Continue to stay well and stay safe!

Best regards

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