

TUESDAY, 2 MARCH 2021 5.00 PM

LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) will be receiving students with prioritised needs on campus in stages beginning **Thursday**, **4 March 2021 until 12 March 2021** (first stage) to resume their studies for Semester 2, academic session 2020/2021. In relation to that, the University has taken the initiative to enliven the campus atmosphere by considering a few 'new normal' approaches while recognising the current COVID-19 pandemic situation.

1. RECREATIONAL, SPORTS, SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS (For all campuses)

- 1.1. The University is fully aware that the COVID-19 pandemic situation has greatly impacted society, including the USM community. Therefore, in order to reestablish a healthier and more conducive environment on campus, USM will restart a number of **recreational**, **sports**, **spiritual and cultural activities** on campus, while still abiding to the strict Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).
- 1.2. In order to have a livelier environment, the Sports and Recreation Centre, Dewan Budaya, Pusat Islam and a few others have planned to provide access to certain related facilities, which could offer the campus community room to continue a balanced lifestyle, while at the same time following the SOP to curb the spread of COVID-19.
- 1.3 The campus community is highly encouraged to join in the programmes which have been arranged by the relevant parties, as can be seen from LAMPIRAN A MAIN CAMPUS; LAMPIRAN B HEALTH CAMPUS; LAMPIRAN C ENGINEERING CAMPUS.

2. WEARING THE ADMISSION PASS WRISTBAND FOR STUDENTS

(For the Main Campus only)

2.1 In order to facilitate the process of student admission in stages beginning 4 March, the University authorities have introduced the *Admission Pass Wristband*, to be worn by all students residing on campus. However, the wearing of the *Admission Pass Wristband* is solely for the purpose of monitoring and overseeing.

3. STAFF ARE ADVISED TO COME TO WORK EARLIER ON STUDENT ADMISSION DAYS

(For the Main Campus only)

The University authorities have set a schedule for the admission of students for the new semester as follows:

ADMISSION STAGES	STUDENT ADMISSION DATES
First Session	4-12 March 2021
Second Session	21-23 March 2021
Third Session	31 March 2021

Following that, staff members who will be coming to the office on that day **ARE ENCOURAGED** to come earlier **before 9.30 am** to avoid any traffic jam on campus. As the 'Padang Kawad' will be utilised for the registration of students, all staff **ARE ADVISED** to use the Batu Uban entrance and the Minden entrance on that day.

4. REMINDER

Throughout this Movement Control Order (MCO) period, all staff and 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 sanitizer*, in addition to taking care of their health as preventive measures against being infected.

If there are symptoms of COVID-19, the staff or student needs to immediately 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 USM Nerve 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

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