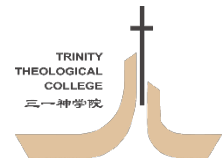


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Dear TTC matriculated and occasional students,

### **COVID-19 ADVISORY UPDATES**

Despite the recent resetting of measures to live with the Omicron variant, it remains only right and prudent that TTC community should display a stronger sense of social responsibility, make a greater effort to protect the health and well-being of one another, and stay resilient with the help of God.

As the College strives to safely resume and maintain as many aspects of community life as it possibly can and is allowed, it is important that students are aware of the latest COVID-19 advisories issued by the authorities and adhere to them (please refer to [www.covid.gov.sg](http://www.covid.gov.sg) for the latest COVID-19 advisories).

In line with the latest COVID-19 advisories, please note the following updates:

1. Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) will apply **only** to occasional students and visitors.
2. Unvaccinated matriculated students must have a valid negative Antigen Rapid Test (ART) result uploaded into this [LINK](#) before returning to campus. The ART test result is valid for four days. Students must bear the full cost of the ART kits.
3. The following groups of students are allowed to attend physical classes and do not have to apply for a Leave of Absence (LOA). However, they need to exercise greater precaution when interacting with others.
  - a. Students with family members serving a Stay Home Notice (SHN) at home.
  - b. Students who must undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster, or whose family members have to undergo mandatory testing due to a COVID-19 cluster.
  - c. Students with household members with flu-like symptoms.
  - d. Students whose family members have received a Health Risk Notice (HRN).

If students in the above-mentioned categories feel that they should stay away from attending physical classes, they may apply for an LOA following the usual LOA application procedure via email to [academicdean@ttc.edu.sg](mailto:academicdean@ttc.edu.sg).

4. If a student has been in close contact <sup>[1]</sup> with someone tested positive on a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test or ART but has not himself or herself received an HRN, the student should exercise social responsibility by following the MOH protocol for an HRN pending the issuance of the HRN:
  - a. For the five days following the point of contact with the PCR or ART positive individual, the student can only return to college if he or she obtains a negative ART result for that day.
  - b. The student is to use his or her own ART kits, or those issued by the government.

However, if the student feels that he or she should stay away from attending physical classes, the student may apply for an LOA following the usual LOA application procedure via an email to [academicdean@ttc.edu.sg](mailto:academicdean@ttc.edu.sg).

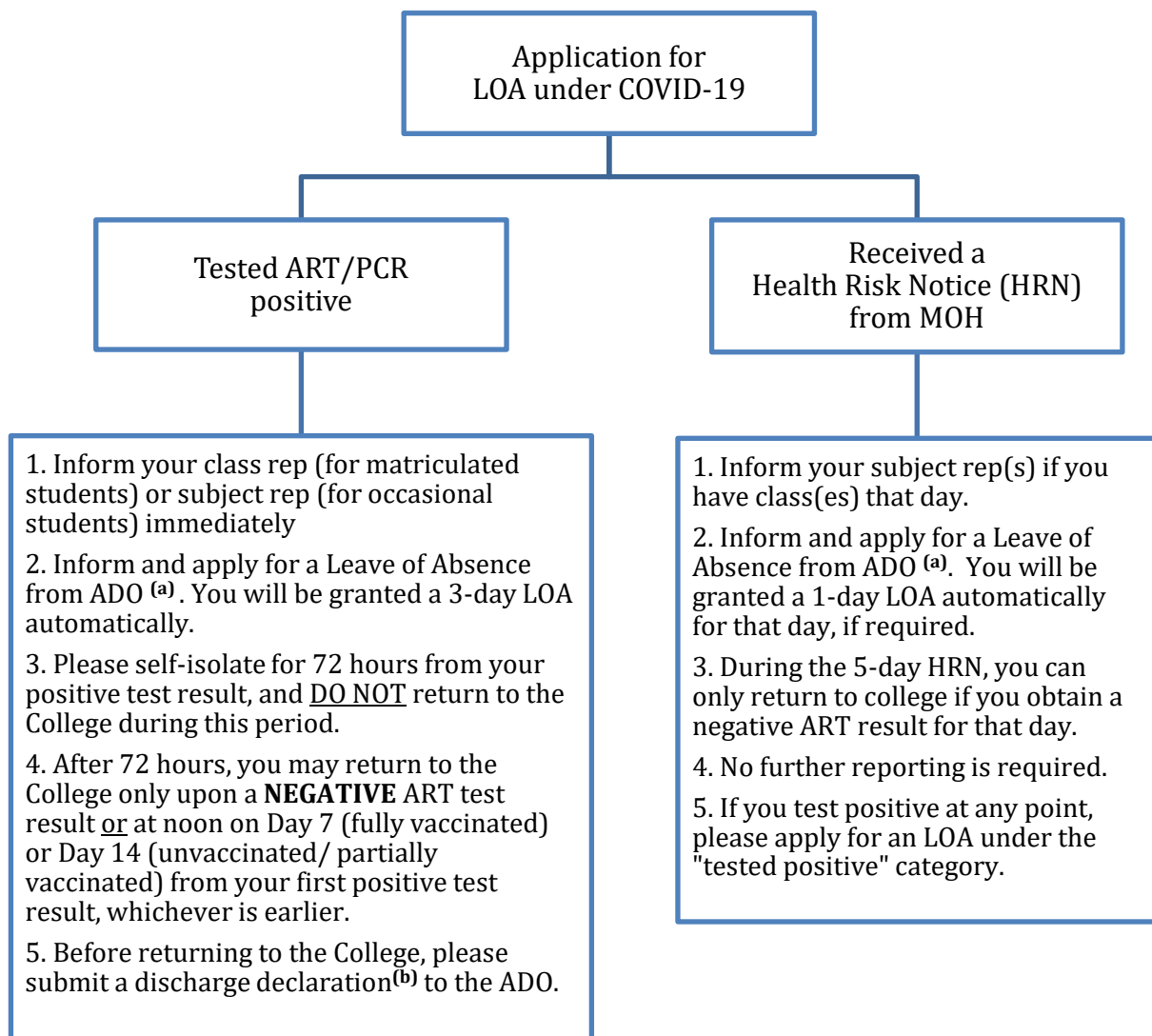
<sup>1</sup> According to <https://ask.gov.sg/questions/473>, a close contact is defined as someone who has spent 15 minutes or more within 2 metres of the infected individual.

5. If you fall within any of the following descriptions, please:

(a) follow the protocol detailed in the MOH website accordingly

- **Unwell and tested ART or PCR test positive**  
- <https://www.covid.gov.sg/unwell/hrp>
- **Well but tested ART positive**  
- <https://www.covid.gov.sg/well-and-positive-or-condition-assessed-mild-by-doctor>
- **Issued an HRN by MOH**  
- <https://www.covid.gov.sg/exposed/hrn>

(b) inform the College and apply for an LOA under COVID-19



**LINKS to FORMS:**

(a) **Apply for Leave of Absence:** <https://forms.gle/Y1dF9KmKaeXMW1856>

(b) **Discharge Declaration:** <https://forms.gle/RDs5yvNMF28EfA1e9>

6. With the COVID-19 Omicron variant fast becoming the dominant variant, let us exercise greater social responsibility, and protect the health and well-being of the TTC community by:

- Getting fully vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19;
- Wearing a surgical mask or a mask type which is recommended by MOH that fits snugly, properly covering both the nose and mouth;
- Keeping your mask on at all times, even when speaking;
- Observing good personal hygiene;
- Staying home if you are having a fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, or are feeling unwell. (Apply for an LOA under the usual procedure via email to [academicdean@ttc.edu.sg](mailto:academicdean@ttc.edu.sg))

If you have further questions, please contact the Academic Dean's Office at [academicdean@ttc.edu.sg](mailto:academicdean@ttc.edu.sg)

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