

Sunway International Office Communication #10
Quarantine Duration Shortened from 14-days to 10-days
as of 14th December 2020.

IMPORTANT:

This message is meant to update all existing students returning to Malaysia on the shortening of the quarantine period from 14-days to 10-days (without valid RT-PCR results upon arrival) or shortening of the quarantine period from 14-days to 7-days (with valid RT-PCR results upon arrival).

At the point of writing, we are yet to receive any official instructions from EMGS regarding the lifting of entry restrictions for:

- Students from the 23 countries on the barred list (as stated in the EMGS Bulletin dated 21st October 2020). We noted that there has been news reports yesterday on the lifting of travel ban for international students. However, as we are yet to receive official instructions from EMGS, we are unable to confirm this matter. Please wait for our subsequent announcement on this in the following email.
- We are also waiting for further updates on the permission for new students to travel to Malaysia. New students are categorised as those who do not have student pass in the passport and yet to report in person to International Office, even if the student has been studying online for the previous semester(s).

Dear respective students,

This message only applies to students from this category:

Existing students with a valid or expired student pass who are outside the country and wish to return to Malaysia

Please be informed that effective from the 14th December 2020, the Malaysia Ministry of Health has shortened the quarantine period from 14 days to 10 days or 7 days depending on the validity of the RT-PCR Covid-19 test results obtained prior to arrival in Malaysia.

All international students are now required to undergo the RT-PCR Covid-19 test three (3) days or 72 hours prior to their departure to Malaysia.

The validity period for the test results is three (3) days prior to departure to Malaysia. The said period is calculated from the **time the swab sample is taken** and not from the time the results are obtained.

Therefore, it is important for the student to plan the appointment for the said test and to ensure that the results are obtained within 72 hours of departure to Malaysia.

As there may be logistical constraints for the test results to be obtained on time, a student arriving with an expired test result will still be permitted to enter Malaysia. However, the RT-PCR Covid-19 test will be repeated upon arrival based on the advice of the health officer in charge at the entry point.

In essence, these are the two scenarios for your easy reference:

Scenario 1

RT-PCR Covid-19 test results validity has expired upon arrival in Malaysia.

In this scenario, the student will have to undergo the full 10 days quarantine. The RT-PCR test will be conducted upon arrival in Malaysia. The quarantine cost as well as the first and second Covid-19 testing fee will be borne by the student. The second Covid-19 test will be conducted towards the end of the quarantine period.

Scenario 2

RT-PCR Covid-19 test result is valid upon arrival in Malaysia.

In this scenario, the student will only need to undergo 7 days quarantine. The quarantine cost and second Covid-19 testing fee will be borne by the student.

In addition, here are some other important points to note:

1. Ensure that all RT-PCR test results provided are in English and obtained from reputable testing centers.
2. Students may continue to make online payment for Covid-19 detection test charges and quarantine cost before leaving for Malaysia as mentioned in the earlier communication. However, if you encounter challenges to pay online please be advised that card or cash payments are still accepted at the arrival gate for the time being.
3. All fees imposed by the Government of Malaysia including Covid-19 detection test, quarantine cost, and hospital admittance fee (if required) must be borne by International Students. The quarantine cost remains the same as previously announced. International Students are required to pay RM150/ per night and a fixed fee of RM 2,600 (Quarantine Station Operations). Kindly note that this amount does not include the cost for COVID-19 detection tests.

4. Should the number of quarantine days be reduced, any excess payments made in advanced via online will be refunded to the student.
5. Please keep yourselves updated by also checking the Latest EMGS Bulletin here:
https://educationmalaysia.gov.my/news_update/update-on-the-standard-operating-procedures-during-and-after-covid-19-pandemic-movement-control-order-20-11/
6. Please remember to print out all the hardcopies of the documents below and carry them with you when you travel:
 - EMGS Travel Authorisation Letter
 - LOU Letter of Undertaking
 - Letter of Approval (Entry Permit)
 - Online Payment Receipt (if applicable)

Also, please download these onto your mobile phone:

- MyQR code from MyEG mobile app after successful payment
- My Sejahtera Mobile App

All prior procedures for the application of travel authorisation remains.

Do email us at intwelfare@sunway.edu.my should you require more support and information.

Thank you.

International Office
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Important Note:

1. The 23 countries mentioned are: *United States of America, Brazil, India, Russia, Peru, Colombia, South Africa, Mexico, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Iran, United Kingdom, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, France, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Iraq, Philippines and Indonesia.*
2. Please refer to **International Office Communication #5 SOP For Returning Students (Version 2)** - *Procedures to Return to Malaysia and The 14-day Quarantine Process* for the full guide on procedures for the application to travel to Malaysia.
3. Please refer to **International Office Communication #5A - Revised Quarantine Fee** for fee amount for the COVID-19 Screening Test and Quarantine Charges
4. You may find all earlier communication at the International Office website:
<https://international.sunway.edu.my/study-apply/important-notice>