

To all students of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Peradeniya during the festive season

- A single dose of vaccine does **not guarantee protection against COVID-19!!!** Therefore, please follow COVID-19 preventive measures at all times while with your family and while being in the hostels.
- Your batch will be requested to commence academic/clinical on a given date.
- **While you are at home during the holidays**

Please – Wear masks

Practice hand hygiene

Avoid touching face or mask

Ensure ventilation in all places you use/occupy

- **Do not participate in gatherings** – especially in **confined areas that involve eating and drinking**. These are potential super-spreader events. **Please keep your interactions minimal during this period.**
- Please talk to your family **and help them to understand that you must be as careful as possible** during this time in order to **return to academic work after the holidays**. Your cooperation in this is necessary both for you and your batchmates' sake.
- If you feel ill at any time with fever, cough, body aches, sore throat, please seek health care advise
- If you are found to be a **first contact** of a patient with COVID-19, **please inform your mentor/chairperson student affairs committee** and the academic staff in charge of covid preventive work for your batch.
- Please note that the university of Peradeniya conducts **random PCR testing** as well as symptom based PCR testing on staff and students. **You may be tested.**
- Continuity of the smooth functioning of academic and clinical work will depend on your adherence to COVID-19 prevention strategies.

Therefore, please behave responsibly during this festive season.