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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : VOLCANIC SMOG ADVISORY
DATE : 22 September 2023

The University, through the UST Health Service, provides this health advisory on volcanic smog.

Volcanic smog (VOG) contains sulfur dioxide, which can cause irritation of the throat, lungs, and eyes with severities depending on the gas concentrations and duration of exposure.

With the recent emission of VOG from the Taal Volcano, the University *strongly encourages* the Thomasian community to exercise necessary precautions, such as, but not limited to, the following:



- a) wearing well-fitted facemasks, ideally N95;
- b) staying indoors, avoiding outdoor activities, and keeping doors and windows closed; and
- c) drinking plenty of water to avoid throat irritations.

For more information on how to ensure protection from VOG, please click on the [link](#) to the video infographics in ThOMedSS, or scan the QR code.

Thank you. Stay safe Thomasians!


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP, EHL
Secretary-General

