

**Further update on 2019-n-CoV (29 Jan 2020)**

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Dear Members of HKUST,

In our continued efforts to safeguard the health of members of the University community, we have just launched an e-form asking all members to report on their recent travel history and their health status (*please click [here](#)*). The information collected will be used by Health, Safety and Environment Office and where necessary relevant university units and departments for providing assistance or follow-ups. Please complete the e-form by 31 January 2020.

Following the current practice of the HKSAR Government, people who returned to Hong Kong from the Hubei Province are advised to self-quarantine at home for 14 days. Those interested in learning more about the strategies and new Government response measures can visit the website <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>. For students without a home base in Hong Kong, the University has reserved single occupancy rooms at the Conference Lodge to support such needs. Those who are taking this option are required to put on a surgical mask when outside of the allocated room, avoid crowded places, take and record daily body temperature, and visit a doctor if fever or respiratory symptoms develop.

The Conference Lodge will be closed to other regular activities. No students are undertaking self- quarantine in student halls. We will explore more options as accommodations for such purpose, when necessary.

The Government has appealed to all UGC-funded universities to advise local students not to return to/stay at student hostels until resumption of classes. The University will further step up cleansing of hostel areas to ensure a hygienic environment for students who, owing to exceptional circumstances, would need to stay in student hostels in the interim.

While not having any confirmed cases, we will stay vigilant and continue to closely monitor the situation. To safeguard your health, members of the University community are reminded to put on a surgical mask where possible, avoid crowded places, monitor health condition, wash hands frequently, and cover mouth and nose while coughing and sneezing.

A couple of marquees have been set up in the outdoor carpark of LG1 to conduct temperature screening of patrons of the campus medical clinic. There will be additional provisions of temperature measurements on self-help mode, which will be announced later. The University has also added some signposted mask disposal bins on campus, the location of which can be found [here](#). Deployment of the cleaning team has also been strengthened.

We will update everyone when there are new developments.

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