

## **An RPG Outside of Hong Kong has been Confirmed Positive for COVID-19**

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Dear Members of the University,

The Government Department of Health contacted the University earlier this evening, a CSE RPG who is currently in Mainland China has been found to be positive for COVID-19 today. The student left Hong Kong on 5 December. According to contact tracing conducted by the Government for the past 21 days, members who were in the following campus locations during the specified time periods are required to have a compulsory COVID-19 testing.

- Rm 4209 of Main Academic Building, anytime on 5 December 2021
- E Wing, 5/F of Global Graduate Tower, for 2 hours or more during 4 December to 24 December
- LG1 Canteen, on 5 December, 11am to 12 noon
- LG7 Canteen, on 4 December, 1 pm - 3 pm

Based on latest information we received from the Government, the compulsory tests must be completed before 28 December (next Monday). However, please pay attention to Government press release tomorrow for confirmed testing requirements.

The Community Testing Center closest to campus is at the Hang Hau Community Hall. Members can go to any CTC to receive a free test ([follow this link to a list of CTCs](#)). The centers are open daily from 8am to 1:30pm and from 2:30pm to 8pm. You should indicate you are required to have a compulsory test related to "an HKUST student currently outside of Hong Kong".

Although 19 days have passed since the patient was last on campus, and therefore the infection risk due to environmental contamination is very low, CMO has conducted special cleaning of Rm 4209 and common areas in the E Wing and 5/F of GGT earlier this evening. The canteens are also thoroughly cleaned every day.

Many countries are facing another wave of COVID-19 infection driven by the Omicron variant, we appeal to all members to get vaccinated as soon as possible, and continue to follow vaccination advice by medical experts, including necessary booster dose.

Let us all take care and stay healthy in this holiday season.

Kind regards,

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