

A new case of COVID-19

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Dear Members of the University,

We have been informed last night (7 Jan) a LIFS research staff who lives in Shatin was tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19. A special cleaning has been arranged for the laboratories used by his research group, Rm 6305 and 6312, and LG7 canteen, where he had lunch. The research staff last came to campus on 6 Jan. He usually comes to work riding bus 268C to Choi Hung and then 91M to campus, and on his way back, he takes 11 minibus or 91M bus to Choi Hung and then 268C. All members of his research group have already taken a COVID-19 test at a Community Testing Centre yesterday (7 Jan), four have been found negative and the rest are awaiting their results. Even with negative results, the whole research group will not go back to their laboratories in the coming two weeks.

One of the PG students in the same research group of the patient was notified by the Government Center for Health Protection that he is considered a close contact, and has been arranged to go to a Government quarantine center. This PG happens to be a Hall Tutor of UG Hall VI, however, he had minimal contacts with hall residents or staff in the past two weeks. A hall attendant who spoke with him yesterday was asked to take a test and stay home unless there is a negative result. Three other PG students of this research group, who are not considered close contacts, live in Tower A, Tower B and Jockey Club Hall. They are all staying in single rooms and have received negative test results. More details and updates about the case are available at the university COVID-19 webpage <https://covid19info.ust.hk/latest-figures>.

If any member is concerned and without related symptoms, they can have a COVID-19 test at the Community Testing Center in the Hang Hau Community Hall, which is open every day including holidays. More information is available at this link <https://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/>. Information about other testing options, including free testing at Government clinics can be found here <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should NOT go to the testing centers but should seek medical assistance at once. During weekends and holidays, campus residents who have needs should go to the Tseung Kwan O Hospital.

Although the number of confirmed cases appears to have come down in the past few days, we should all remain vigilant and continue to follow preventive measures.

Kind regards,

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