

## **Further clarifications on vaccination / regular testing and on-campus vaccination**

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Dear HKUST members,

Following our announcement and subsequent messages on vaccination and regular testing for the Fall Semester, we would like to provide further clarifications as follows:

### **On-campus COVID-19 vaccination**

All time slots on 23, 24 June and 21, 22 July have been taken by 5 pm last Tuesday (15 June). The online booking system is now closed, and the University has already submitted the booking list to the Government. No further bookings can be added or changed via the system. Members who have made bookings should go to LG1 Indoor Sports Hall at the appointment time. If you really cannot show up due to unforeseeable reasons, please send an email to [safety@ust.hk](mailto:safety@ust.hk) and indicate the date, time and name of your booking. Please note that we cannot transfer your booking to another person.

### **Interest in Off-campus COVID-19 vaccination**

We understand the on-campus vaccination capacity is limited, and if there is no availability for you, you can get vaccinated in one of the [Community Vaccination Centres \(CVCs\)](#). We are considering a free shuttle service during working hours to facilitate members to access the Community Vaccination Center located in the Tseung Kwan O Sports Center, near Po Lam MTR Station. Please register your interest by clicking this link [https://ust.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_2oc2jkgdXjbMLWK](https://ust.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2oc2jkgdXjbMLWK) before 5 pm this Friday (25 June). If there are adequate number of members expressing interest, we will arrange the service and announce it in a separate message.

### **Time off and sick leave due to vaccination**

HKUST staff are allowed to get COVID-19 vaccination, either on- or off-campus, during their work hours and do not have to take leave. However, staff should seek agreement of his/her line manager beforehand, so that the supervisor can make necessary work arrangement. Staff who feel unwell after taking COVID-19 vaccination may take [the rest of the day off](#), and one day of sick leave without the need to produce any medical certificate other than the vaccination record. If any staff needs more than one day of sick leave because of illness after vaccination, the normal sick leave policy should be followed.

### **Free regular testing for members who could not get vaccinated due to medical reasons**

The University plans to acquire rapid test kits to supply for free to staff and students who could not take vaccine due to legitimate medical reasons with proof. However, free rapid test kits or financial assistance for tests will not be provided to family members or domestic helpers living on campus, or contractors who regularly work on campus. The kits will only be made available to them at cost when supply is available.

Let us all continue to fight the COVID-19 pandemic by following [preventive measures](#) and getting [vaccination](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Health, Safety and Environment Office