

## Whole territory rapid antigen tests and regular rapid testing afterwards

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Dear Members of HKUST,

### **Conduct 3-day Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)**

This week, the Hong Kong Government has distributed anti-epidemic service bags to all households and requested the whole community to conduct 3 consecutive days of rapid antigen tests (RATs) from 8 to 10 April. We appeal to every member to take part in this citywide testing exercise starting from tomorrow, 8 April. In order to have a more accurate result, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) recommended that the test be done first thing in the morning. Members can check out the demonstration videos "[How to take a sample for RAT \(English\)](#)" and "COVID-19 RAT Demo Video" ([English](#) and [Chinese](#)) for general test procedures.

If you are tested positive, you should report to the CHP [self-declaration system](#) within 24 hours. In addition, you should report to Security Control Center (SCC) by phone through 2358 8999 (operates 24 hours), and your Unit Heads and Supervisors. The Conference Lodge (CL) will continue to be used for isolation of campus residents who tested positive, and Hall 9 for close contacts. Those who have moved to CL should report on the CHP self-declaration webpage the living conditions of the CL guest rooms, i.e. single-occupancy room with individual toilet and ventilation system. However, it would be up to CHP to decide a suitable place for isolation.

### **Distribution of Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) Kits to All Staff**

Following the University announcement on gradual resumption of normal operation starting from 11 April in a phased manner, the University will provide RAT kits to all staff who come to work on campus for **self-testing once a week**, from 19 April (testing on 11 April is not needed after the 3-day self-testing) onwards until further notice. Each staff will be provided 4 test kits per month. It is highly recommended that the test should be conducted **first thing in the morning on the first working day of the week**. Staff shall **do the test at home and only return to work upon receiving a negative result**.

HSEO will arrange the distribution of RAT kits to staff through Inter-departmental Liaison Persons (IDLPs), who will coordinate and keep a record on those who have collected the kits. The provision of RAT kits is subject to availability and development of the pandemic, hence the arrangements will be reviewed from time to time.

Although the pandemic situation appears to have stabilized, the number of new confirmed cases remains very high. We must not let our guard down, and we should continue to stay vigilant, observe social distancing and ensure good hygiene practices.

Warm regards,

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