

Launch of the Updated Vaccination and Testing Reporting System (VTRS) and Other Updates

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Dear Colleagues,

Launch of the Updated Vaccination and Testing Reporting System (VTRS)

Following the Government's "[vaccine pass](#)" requirement, members and residents (aged 12 or above) in general are required to have received 3 doses of vaccine by 31 May. The University's VTRS has been updated for uploading the 3rd vaccine dose information, and will be available for staff's input starting **10 May**. For members who have satisfied the vaccine pass requirement but have not taken the 3rd dose (e.g. those recovered from COVID-19 infection or received medical exemption certificate), please follow the applicable instructions on VTRS. Upon updating your VTRS profile and satisfaction of the vaccine pass requirement, the validity of your Campus Access Pass (CAP) will be extended to 30 November 2022.

Please be reminded to update your VTRS profile (and those of your family members, helpers, and regular contractors / visitors) by 31 May for receiving a valid CAP for continual access to campus. The link to VTRS remains the same (vacwecan.hkust.edu.hk) and is also be accessible through the [Admin Intranet](#) and the [COVID Info Portal site](#). A step-by-step video guide on information input, file uploading, etc. is available on the VTRS website for members' easy reference. Please contact the relevant offices if you have any questions:

- Vaccination / testing requirements: safety@ust.hk
- System-related questions: issupprt@ust.hk

Resumption of campus activities with standard anti-epidemic measures

The pandemic situation has been gradually improving, and the Government is in the process of lifting social gathering restrictions in phases. The University has resumed normal office operations starting 25 April. We remind members to follow the standard anti-epidemic measures such as mask-wearing, personal and environmental hygiene while resuming campus activities, including those in research laboratories and Central Research Facilities. Applicable anti-epidemic laws, such as group gathering restrictions in public places, and rules for designated places like restaurants and sports facilities must still be followed. Campus units may adopt additional anti-epidemic measures, such as rapid antigen test (RAT), as justified by their operations.

Supply of RAT kits

The University will continue to supply one RAT kit per week to all staff, including research support staff, and encourage staff members to take a RAT before coming to work on the first working day of the week, or whenever they experience flu-like symptoms, or an elevated risk of

infection. Campus units that need additional RAT kits for their own use should purchase them from Center of Laboratory Supplies (CLS), which has sourced certified test kits at a very competitive price. Members who have a need of RAT kits for personal use can purchase them at the Souvenir Shop.

Returning Conference Lodge to normal usage

Beginning from 12 May 2022, Conference Lodge (CL) will no longer be used for isolation of new COVID positive cases, and it is expected CL will return to normal usage later in May. Campus members who tested positive afterwards should report their status to the Center for Health Protection (CHP) which will make arrangement for isolation in a Government facility if needed. Undergraduate Student Hall 9 will continue to be reserved for students who may need to be quarantined when they become close contacts of COVID patients, until further notice.

Resumption of campus events

A set of revised guidelines can be found here (<https://covid19info.hkust.edu.hk/event-arrangement>). Please contact HSEO at safety@ust.hk if you have any specific questions about preventive measures for campus events.

As the Fifth Wave of COVID infections continue to taper off, members are urged to continue practicing preventive measures, and taking vaccination/booster dose as advised by the authority.

Take care and stay well,

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