

Another Confirmed Case and Reminder about Wearing Face Masks

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Dear Members of the University,

We were informed earlier today another contract security guard has been confirmed to have contracted COVID-19. This guard was on night shift, working from 11 pm to 7 am, and was deployed to Global Graduate Tower (GGT) and Stephen Kam Chuen Cheong (SKCC) Hall in the past two weeks. There were few in person contacts with members, except for short encounters with SKCC Hall residents when they passed through the entrance very late at night or real early in the morning, and the guard was always wearing a mask. The patient usually travels to campus by minibus from Choi Hung and return the same way, and does not go to other places on campus. The guard's workplaces in GGT and SKCC Hall have already been thoroughly cleaned. This guard did not have symptom and was tested under a universal testing for security guards offered by the Government.

Again, we will upload latest information of campus-related cases on the COVID-19 webpage <https://covid19info.ust.hk/latest-figures>

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all members to wear a face mask when they are in outdoor public places on campus. It is now a legal requirement to wear face masks not only in indoor but also outdoor public places, and there is not an exemption for sports activities. It is certainly uncomfortable to wear a mask outdoor under the hot weather, but we need to be patient and abide by this important preventive measure amidst the recent surge of COVID-19 infections. Security guards will help enforce face mask wearing on campus, however, it is most important for all members to voluntarily comply with this hygiene practice, which is also considered by many a basic courtesy and norm under the pandemic situation. Members exercising outdoors are also reminded to adjust your activities taking into consideration the mask wearing requirement.

It is indeed a trying time, let's support each other in enduring the different challenges in our life under the pandemic.

Take care and stay well.

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