

A contractor tested positive for COVID-19 and a reminder to follow preventive measures
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Dear Members of the University,

CDO was informed today (9 Dec) by the construction contractor of the Auditorium site that one of their subcontractor workers tested positive for COVID-19. The infected worker came to work from 30 Nov to 5 Dec. He sought medical treatment and was tested on 7 Dec, found preliminarily positive on 8 Dec, and confirmed this morning. The infected worker has not contacted any CDO staff or member of the university while on campus. In response, the subcontractor has stopped all construction activities at the Auditorium today, and has requested all workers to be tested, while special cleaning has been arranged for the site. They will only resume work after all test results are known, and after consultation with the university.

The infected worker patronized Golden Rice Bowl at LG7 for lunch from 1 Dec to 4 Dec. CSO has already arranged special cleaning there. After 4 days, and with the special cleaning, residual environmental risk at LG7 canteen will be very low. Campus catering outlets have fully complied with Government social distancing requirements and reduced seating capacity. In addition, antimicrobial coating and regular cleaning have been in place all the time. Therefore the risk of infection to members who patronized LG7 canteen during the same period as the infected worker is low. However, if you are in doubt or have developed symptoms, you should seek medical assistance at once. If you want to have a COVID-19 test, please visit the COVID Info Portal Frequently Asked Question page about testing. <https://covid19info.ust.hk/faq-covid-19-testing-outside-uctp>

In the past several days, Hong Kong has recorded around one hundred new COVID-19 cases each day, with around 30 cases from unknown sources. We are facing a dire potential of a rapid increase in cases. All university members are called upon to pay full attention to preventive measures including mask-wearing, social distancing and hand hygiene during this critical time. Members should also refrain from group gathering. These measures are necessary to get the virus back under control.

Kind regards,
Samuel Yu, Director of Health, Safety and Environment