

## Update on Quarantine Arrangements

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Dear Members of the University,

Following the Government's announcement of new quarantine arrangements effective 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, the University needs to update its own quarantine support arrangements, effective on the same date:

1. All staff and students arriving in Hong Kong from all locations other than Mainland, Macau and Taiwan, must undertake 14 days quarantine at one of the hotels approved by the Government. They must book an inclusive room and food and beverage (F&B) rate and select a hotel from the Government's approved list. The hotel list and detailed instructions can be found via the following link <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/designated-hotel-returnees.html>. After completion of 14 days quarantine the staff and students must submit an additional sample for COVID-19 test on the 19th day after arrival. All staff and students must have negative COVID-19 test results at key stages during and after the quarantine period before the whole process can be completed. These COVID-19 tests will be arranged by the Government.
2. All staff and students arriving in Hong Kong from Mainland, Macau and Taiwan, must also undertake 14 days quarantine but this can be done at their home residence. Students with a University hostel place and new staff members with on-campus accommodation should undertake quarantine at Conference Lodge (CL) but NOT use their University hostel or staff quarter for quarantine.
3. The cost of the quarantine must be paid for by staff and students in full. For new staff eligible for on-campus accommodation and for existing staff granted exceptional approval for business travel, the cost of quarantine excluding F&B will be reimbursable by the University.
4. The University has agreed a discounted rate for quarantine in L'hotel Island South (LIS) and CL. In both cases the room rate is \$470 per night. For LIS, staff and students must book an inclusive room and F&B plan and the additional cost of the F&B plan must be discussed with LIS staff at the time of booking. For CL, the reservation is room only and staff and students are able to order F&B items from an on-campus catering outlet, including the CL kitchen when open.
5. All staff and students wanting to arrange quarantine at LIS should book with LIS directly via Ms Anissa Chan, Reservation Manager, contact telephone: +852 3968 8818; email address: [anisschan@lhotelgroup.com](mailto:anisschan@lhotelgroup.com). LIS will verify with CSO regarding user's identity upon booking.
6. All staff and students (who return from Mainland, Macau and Taiwan) wanting to arrange quarantine at CL should contact respective offices as previously communicated to confirm eligibility and complete online booking. Please refer to the University COVID-19 website for details: [Quarantine Arrangements | COVID-19 Info@HKUST](#). If there is no availability in CL, then staff and students should make their own quarantine arrangements off-campus.

The above quarantine arrangements will be in place until further notice. We would remind all staff and students that quarantine places in hotels are limited, so anyone who feels it is necessary to return to Hong Kong in Q1 2021 should make their quarantine arrangements as soon as possible. We also would like to take this opportunity to remind all staff and students to remain vigilant against COVID-19 and take all necessary precautions.

Kind regards,

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