

Special Work Arrangement until February 9, 2020

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Dear HKUST Members,

Following the latest announcement of the HKSAR Government <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202001/31/P2020013100826.htm>, the University decided that special work arrangements for University operations will remain in place (starting February 3, 2020) to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Except for staff providing emergency and essential services, all other employees of the University are advised to work at home for another week until February 9, 2020. We will follow the Government's future directives, monitor our campus' situation, and take actions as needed.

People who returned to Hong Kong from the Hubei Province in the past 14 days are now required by the government to be quarantined in designated government facilities. For those who return from Mainland other than Hubei, the Government appeals to them to stay home for 14 days upon their return as far as the circumstances permit. Those who need to go out should wear a surgical mask for 14 days upon their return. Anyone who hasn't been to the mainland but exhibits fever or respiratory symptoms should seek timely medical advice at a clinic.

Staff who needs to be quarantined should inform your supervisors and update them of your health conditions. Directors, Heads and Deans will exercise discretion and make appropriate arrangements for staff, especially those who provide emergency and essential services, to ensure continuation of such services. Facilities Management Office and other campus units will work out with their contractors to ensure their staff who work on our campus also follow a similar self-quarantine requirement.

All University offices, Library, Learning Commons, indoor and outdoor sports facilities will remain close until February 9. During the period, Tennis Courts, Seafront Outdoor Basketball Court and Mini Soccer Pitch will however remain open. Staff bus and shuttle bus services will be suspended.

While the Staff Medical Clinic will remain open, Staff and Student Dental Clinics will be closed.

To provide campus residents with basic services and support, some of the catering and retail outlets will continue to operate. Please click [here](#) for detailed information.

Thank you for your attention.

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