

Important Message : Persons under quarantine may be forced to leave campus

Friday, February 7, 2020 7:39:49 PM

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff:

According to the University's announcements on February 3 and February 6, 2020, all University members, including family members and helpers living on campus, who have returned from the Mainland should practice self-quarantine at home for 14 days. They should NOT leave the self-quarantine premise during the quarantine period. In special circumstances, such as seeking emergency medical care, they should contact the relevant parties (e.g. ambulance) for help. The HKSAR Government has also announced its tightened measure to impose mandatory quarantine on all travelers entering from the Mainland for 14 days starting February 8, 2020.

(<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202002/05/P2020020500793.htm>).

Therefore, they are obligated to be self-isolated and stay at their own home or rented apartment outside campus. If they are on campus, they should be serving quarantine in the Conference Lodge or staff quarters. Except these two places, any such member under this category who is noticed to be in offices, laboratories and other parts of the campus, his/her name will be recorded and he/she will be asked to leave the campus immediately.

All Department/Unit Heads are requested to enforce the above requirement by ensuring that faculty/staff/students in their Department/Unit who a) have not yet completed the health declaration form or b) have been to the Mainland in the past 14 days are NOT allowed to access any campus facilities.

Please note that with the HKSAR Government has included "Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent" as a statutorily notifiable infectious disease set out in Schedule 1 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599) and amended its subsidiary legislation, namely the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A). With this inclusion, violation of quarantine is a criminal offence and is liable on conviction to a fine and to imprisonment.

The challenges pertaining to the novel coronavirus epidemic are immense. The cooperation of all University members to observe the above and Department/Unit Heads' partnership in strictly enforcing the measures will be critical to reducing the risk to the health and safety of the entire University community.

Thank you for your understanding and attention.

Sincerely,
Lionel NI
Provost