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Dear Members of the University,

Since the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic when face masks were in short supply, the University had gone to great lengths to source face masks from local and overseas, and began supplying them to members for free from February. Up to now, about 580,000 masks have been given out to staff and students. In recent months, the supply of face masks has stabilized, and the Government has also distributed some free masks to everyone. Therefore, the campus mask supply scheme will be modified, beginning from **14 September 2020**, as follows:

- 1. Students who reside in or come to campus will continue to be supplied with one mask per day, through the student hall counters and the two Security Offices.
- One mask per day will continue to be supplied to staff engaging in frontline work (i.e. security guards, cleaners, staff stationed at service counters, etc); and colleagues in Salary Band 1 and 2.
- 3. Face masks from reputable manufacturers which can produce proof of compliance to specific standards will be for sale at cost to University members at the Souvenir Shop. Two brands, each costing \$90-\$100 per box of 50 will be available beginning 14 September. Please note that these masks for sale are from a separate source, and are not taken from the stock for the mask supply scheme.
- 4. When the current stock of face masks runs out, the mask supply scheme will stop, however we will give members a two-week lead time to prepare their own supply.

This revised scheme is an effort to strike a balance between taking care of University members in a difficult time, and responsible use of resources. Let us all continue to support each other when we enter a new normal of resuming daily life while continuing essential preventive measures.

Take care and stay well, Samuel Yu Director of Health Safety and Environment