

Dear Students and Colleagues,

**Preventive measures and health advices for the novel coronavirus pneumonia**

This email sets out arrangements both on- and off-campus to deal with the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) pneumonia cases. We appeal to all students and colleagues to strictly follow the measures set out below. The University's Risk Management Team is closely monitoring the situation and additional measures would be announced as needed. So please stay tuned for any latest health-related announcements.

All students and colleagues are advised to follow strict hygiene practice, such as wearing surgical masks while at crowded areas on campus including in packed classrooms. Students and colleagues with fever and respiratory symptoms are advised not to come to the campus and seek immediate medical help.

The Public Hospital closest to our campus is Kwong Wah Hospital in Yau Ma Tei. The address is 25 Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei (adjacent to MTR Yaumatei Station). Tel: 2332 2331.

**For suspected 2019-nCoV cases**

The HKSAR Government has announced that anyone who developed fever or respiratory symptoms will be considered a suspected case if they have:

- travelled to Hubei or Wuhan in the previous 14 days;
- visited hospitals in Mainland in the previous 14 days; and
- in close contact with a confirmed patient of 2019-nCoV in the previous 14 days.

Suspected case patients will be admitted to a hospital with isolation facility where rapid testing for the new coronavirus will be administered with result available in 24 hours.

Students and colleagues who feel unwell and suspected to meet the above criteria are advised to:

- (a) Put on a surgical mask and seek immediate medical attention and should not come to the campus.
- (b) Inform the University via the Health and Security Hotline Tel: 3411 7997 to report personal contact details so that we can provide necessary support as needed.

**On Campus Assistance**

If you are on campus and feel unwell, please immediately seek help from the University Health Services Centre at Level 5, Sir Run Run Shaw Building where Rapid Flu Test (for common flu) as well as Admission and Referral services for suspected cases would be provided. The opening hours are:

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Sunday and public holidays: Closed

During Chinese New Year:

24 January: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
25-28 January: Closed  
29 January: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### **Arrangements for confirmed cases**

According to Government announcements, close contacts of any confirmed case may be put into a temporary isolation facility set up by the Government for monitoring.

Confirmed cases and close contacts of confirmed cases will be taken care of by the Government in off-campus facilities as the university is not equipped and resourced to deal with such cases.

### **Students and Colleagues currently in Mainland China or Planning to visit there:**

All students and colleagues should refrain from travelling to infected ports and cities in the Mainland.

All official HKBU activities including student exchanges, study or duty trips to infected ports / cities in the Mainland should be cancelled / postponed until further notice.

Students and colleagues currently in Hubei Province and Wuhan City are advised to follow the travel advice and restrictions as announced by Mainland authorities.

When coming back to Hong Kong from infected cities / ports, students and colleagues should follow the Government's requirements to fill out a health questionnaire at designated entry points, in addition to the general screening for signs of fever.

### **School of Chinese Medicine:**

Chinese Medicine internships in Mainland hospitals for our students are being re-scheduled. Affected students are being notified individually.

### **Precautionary Measures on Campus**

The following measures are being implemented on campus:

- (a) Wear surgical masks at crowded places. Masks would be provided at designated points;
- (b) Provision of alcohol-based hand-rub dispensers at designated places;
- (c) Fever screening at entrance to campus and also at entrance to student residential halls. Those found to have fever will be advised to seek medical attention;
- (d) Enhanced cleaning and disinfection schedule on campus;
- (e) Anti-infectious mats with 1:99 bleach waters are being placed in washrooms and other hygiene-critical areas;
- (f) Enhanced health services at our University Health Services Center at Sir Run Run Shaw Building; and
- (g) Stepped-up hygiene awareness publicity on campus.

**Useful Resources:**

Personal hygiene: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/460/19728.html>

Proper use of surgical mask: [https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/use\\_mask\\_properly.pdf](https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/use_mask_properly.pdf)

Hong Kong Government Centre for Health Protection website for latest information: <https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>

The university may have to announce additional measures after the Chinese New Year break depending on how seriously the disease has spread. Students and colleagues are advised to pay attention to such announcements and also to relevant health announcements by the Government.

Roland T Chin  
President

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