



Dear Students and Colleagues,

Compulsory COVID-19 testing and class/work arrangements

Following a confirmed COVID-19 student case, the Government has issued a compulsory COVID-19 testing notice for the University.

The notice is directed to **ALL** persons (including but not limited to students, staff and visitors) who were present at the following University premises for two hours or more between 16 March 2021 (Tuesday) and 29 March 2021 (Monday):

1. Ho Sin Hang Campus (HSHC) - Lui Ming Choi Centre (LCM);
2. Baptist University Road Campus (BURC) - Academic and Administration Building (AAB); and
3. BURC - Lee Shau Kee Communication and Visual Arts Building (CVA).

Please note that all parties subject to the notice are **required by law to undergo a compulsory COVID-19 testing** by **31 March 2021 (Wednesday)**. Failure to comply with the notice will be subject to a fine. You may refer to the Government's website on "compulsory testing for certain persons" at [this link](#) and the notice from the Government attached.

If you have invited guests whose presence in our campus falls within the above stated dates and places, you should inform them the compulsory testing notice immediately.

Access to campus

The current University's health and safety rules which are in force prescribe that all students and staff who are required to undergo compulsory COVID-19 testing are barred from entering the campus until a negative result is available. Please observe the rules on the health declaration for campus access.

COVID-19 testing arrangements

You are encouraged to carry out COVID-19 test near your place of residence. All parties subject to the compulsory testing notice may have the test conducted at either any one of the Government's community testing centres (see the list at www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/) or through submission of a specimen to the Government's designated clinics using specimen collection kit obtained at certain distribution points. More information can be found at the Government's relevant [website](#).

In case you live near the campus, you may consider using the **temporary mobile testing centre** operated by Government's contractor. The details are as follows:

Location: AAB Plaza facing Renfrew Road
Operating Time: From 10:00am to 8:00pm daily on 30 and 31 March 2021

No health declaration is needed when entering campus for this purpose.

Any enquiries about compulsory testing arrangements can be addressed to the Environmental Health and Safety Section of the Estates Office at 3411 7997 or by email at ehsu@hkbu.edu.hk.

Suspension of classes

The University is mindful that the compulsory testing notice may affect a large number of staff and students. For the health and safety of our teachers and students, and that of the community at large, the University has therefore decided to cancel all the classes from 30 March 2021 to 1 April 2021 (both dates inclusive). Make-up arrangements will be made by teachers in consultation with students.

Work arrangements

All staff members whose offices are located at Academic and Administration Building, Lee Shau Kee Communication and Visual Arts Building and Lui Ming Choi Centre, or are subject to the Government's compulsory testing notice are advised to work from home from 30 March to 1 April, or until tested negative. Staff members should work with your department head for flexible work arrangement if required and as appropriate.

Please be assured that health and safety of our students and staff members are always our top priority. We would like to remind you to strictly observe the Government's compulsory testing notice, the University's campus access requirements as well as class and work arrangements.

Thank you for your attention.

Christine Chow
Vice-President (Administration) and Secretary

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Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)

29 March 2021



Points to Note for Persons under Compulsory Testing Notice

1. The Government has announced it would exercise the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and publish in the Gazette on March 29, 2021 a compulsory testing notice to any person who had been present at **Lui Ming Choi Centre, Ho Sin Hang Campus, Lee Shau Kee Communication and Visual Arts Building, Baptist University Road Campus or Academic and Administration Building, Baptist University Road Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University** in any capacity (including but not limited to full-time, part-time and relief staff, students and visitors) for more than 2 hours at any time during the period from **March 16 to March 29, 2021**. They have to undergo testing on or before **March 31, 2021**³.
2. A **mobile specimen collection station**⁴ has been set up by the Government at the **main entrance of Academic and Administration Building, Baptist University Road Campus** to provide free testing service to persons under compulsory testing notice. The operating hours of the station will be from **10am to 8pm each day on March 30 and March 31**.
3. Upon completion, the test results will be issued via SMS (mobile phone text message). Persons subject to compulsory testing must keep the relevant SMS for Prescribed Officers (including members of the Auxiliary Medical Service, public officers of the Home Affairs Department, and police officers) to verify that they have undergone testing.
4. Any person who fails to comply with the testing notice commits an offence and may be **fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000**. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a **fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months**.
5. All persons subject to compulsory testing are required, as far as reasonably practicable, to take appropriate personal disease prevention measures, including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene; and unless for the purpose of undergoing the compulsory test, stay at his/her place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.
6. **If you have any questions, please call the Kowloon City District Office (phone no.: 95396334).**

³ If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between March 27 and March 29, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

⁴ Persons subject to compulsory testing can also choose to undergo testing at Community Testing Centers, obtain a specimen bottle from one of the post offices, general out-patient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority or vending machines set up at MTR stations and return the specimen to one of the designated specimen collection points, undergo testing at any of the GOPCs of the Hospital Authority as instructed by a medical professional of the Hospital Authority, self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories which are recognized by the Department of Health and can issue SMS notifications in respect of test results. No matter the route for testing, persons subject to compulsory testing must keep record of the SMS notifications for verification purposes.