

Vaccine Bubble for Campus Access

Dear Students and Colleagues,

In light of the recent surge in COVID-19 cases, the University will roll-out the *vaccine bubble* arrangement starting from **24 February 2022**. The arrangement, which will affect campus access, is applicable to all HKBU students, staff members, contractors, and visitors (except those who would only stay on campus for less than four hours on his/her day of visit).

Details of the vaccine bubble arrangement are as follows: -

1. From now till 23 February 2022

- a) Persons who are fully vaccinated (i.e. have completed the vaccination course for 14 days)^[note 1]; OR
- b) Persons who are not fully vaccinated, and submit a negative result of COVID-19 test^[note 2] that is carried out within 7 days from the day of access

are allowed onto the campuses upon fulfilment of all the specified conditions stipulated on the health declaration.

2. From 24 February 2022 to 4 May 2022

- a) Persons who are fully vaccinated (i.e. have completed the vaccination course for 14 days)^[note 1]; OR
- b) Persons who have received at least ONE dose of vaccine against COVID-19, and submit a negative result of COVID-19 test^[note 2] that is carried out within **7 days** from the day of access; OR
- c) Persons who have obtained approval from the University to be exempted from vaccination due to medical reasons, and submit a negative result of COVID-19 test^[note 2] that is carried out within **3 days** from the day of access

are allowed onto the campuses upon fulfilment of all the specified conditions stipulated on the health declaration.

For item c), the application for exemption should be made at least 10 working days prior to the day of access. Please refer to the announcement<[LINK](#)> issued by the Estates Office for more details.

3. From 5 May 2022 onwards

- a) Persons who are fully vaccinated (i.e. have completed the vaccination course for 14 days) ^[note 1]; OR
- b) Persons who have obtained approval from the University to be exempted from vaccination due to medical reasons, and submit a negative result of COVID-19 test ^[note 2] that is carried out within **3 days** from the day of access

are allowed onto the campuses upon fulfilment of all the specified conditions stipulated on the health declaration.

Failure to comply with the vaccine bubble arrangement

No special teaching and learning or work arrangement will be provided for those who are banned from campus access due to unfulfillment of the vaccine bubble requirements.

Special class and examination arrangements will ONLY be considered for students who cannot come to the campus due to factors beyond their control such as compulsory quarantine.

For any questions concerning the University's latest health and safety measures, please contact the Sustainability, Health and Safety Section of Estates Office via 3411 7997 or shs@hkbu.edu.hk.

Stay healthy!

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[Note 1] The University makes reference to the Government's definition of "fully vaccinated" which can be found at https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel-faq.html#FAQA10_.

At the point when this announcement is issued, the below applies:

- *Fully vaccinated means the suggested dosage has been administered in accordance with the relevant guidelines of a COVID-19 vaccination course for 14 days.*
- *In general, completing the vaccination course involves receiving two doses of CoronaVac (SinoVac) vaccine OR two doses of Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccine, except for persons previously infected with COVID-19, who are to receive one dose of vaccine.*
- *For persons aged 12 to 17, they may be deemed to have completed the COVID-19 vaccination course after receiving one dose of Comirnaty (BioNTech) vaccine.*
- *For individuals whose vaccines were administered outside Hong Kong, apart from the COVID-19 vaccines already recognised for use in Hong Kong, other vaccines included on this list are also accepted. Click here for the "[list of recognised covid19 vaccines.pdf \(coronavirus.gov.hk\)](#)"*

[Note 2] The University makes reference to the Government's accepted testing methods. Please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.

At the point when this announcement is issued, combined nasal and throat swab samples testing is accepted, while deep throat saliva (DTS) specimen is not except for certain circumstances. Please refer to the website for details.