

VACCINE BUBBLE – Updates on implementation details

Dear Students and Colleagues,

Further to our announcement of 12 January 2022 on the subject matter <[LINK](#)>, we write to provide the following updates on the testing requirements for persons who are medically unfit for COVID-19 vaccination as follows:

1. From now till 23 February 2022 (unchanged)

- 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 in the health declaration.

2. From 24 February 2022 to 4 May 2022 (unchanged except for 2c)

- 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
 - i. a negative result of a COVID-19 test^[note 2] carried out not more than 4 days before the day of entry to campus, OR
 - ii. a negative result of a COVID-19 test^[note 2] carried out not more than 7 days before the day of entry to campus, **PLUS** a negative test result of a rapid antigen test^[note 3] carried out on the 3rd or 4th day after the COVID-19 test^[note 2] carried out within 7 days before the day of entry to campus.

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

For item 2c), 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. Alternatively, application for exemption from vaccination can be applied through the Health Declaration page of the HKBU Mobile app.

For item 2c) ii, result of self-administered rapid antigen test^[note 3] is acceptable. The University adopts an honour system and the student or staff shall declare his or her test result and upload the photo showing the test result to the Health Declaration page of the HKBU Mobile app.

3. From 5 May 2022 onwards (change in 3b))

- 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 follow the steps described in item 2c)

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

The University is making arrangement to allow students and staff who need to carry out rapid antigen tests regularly to purchase the test kits conveniently. Details will be separately announced.

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

Stay healthy!

Estates Office

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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.

[Note 3] The University accepts rapid antigen tests (RAT) that are ISO 13485 and CE Certified and which are available from pharmacies. The University will make arrangement for students and staff in need RAT to purchase the test kits conveniently on campus. Separate announcement will be issued shortly.