

Dear Students and Colleagues,

**Further updates on health and safety precautionary measures
for practical or lab/studio-based sessions**

We advise that the health and safety precautionary measures for practical or lab/studio-based sessions have been updated. The following guidelines apply with immediate effect:

a. Capacity of room

The maximum number of students allowed inside any room should not exceed 85% of the room's maximum capacity.

b. Social distancing

Grouping of more than 8 is not allowed. Social distancing of at least 1.5m must be maintained at all times.

c. Wearing of face masks

- i. All students and teachers are required to wear their face masks properly at all times during classes, practicums or lab sessions.
- ii. Persons who must take off their masks for practicum should carry out a rapid antigen test and obtain a negative result on the day of and BEFORE the event. It is the teacher's or instructor's responsibility to check and obtain confirmation from these students that they meet this requirement.

d. General requirements

- i. There must be no eating or drinking except water inside rooms.
- ii. Students should pay attention to personal hygiene. Hand sanitisers are provided in labs/studios.
- iii. Opening time of the facilities for practicums or lab/studio-based teaching will be divided into sessions lasting not longer than half a day. Disinfection will be carried out after each session.
- iv. Students using labs/studios for individual and group work must sign in and sign out at the register provided by the department and observe all the safety rules.

The above safety measures will be further updated depending on the COVID-19 situation in Hong Kong. If you have any questions, please contact the Sustainability, Health and Safety Section of the Estates Office via 3411 7997 or shs@hkbu.edu.hk.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Estates Office
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