

## **Notice on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus (17): e-Travel Declaration and Health Status Form**

Task Force on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus

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Dear Staff and Students,

As you may be aware, the HKSAR Government issued a Red Outbound Travel Alert (OTA) on France (Bourgogne-Franche-Comte and Grand Est), Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia), Japan (Hokkaido) and Spain (La Rioja, Madrid and Pais Vasco) on 10 March 2020 in response to the latest situations of COVID-19. The Government also expanded the Red OTA currently in force on Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions in Italy to cover the entire country. In view of the associated public health risk, starting from 12:00 a.m. on 14 March 2020, people (regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents) arriving Hong Kong who have been to Italy, France (Bourgogne-Franche-Comte and Grand Est), Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia), Japan (Hokkaido) and Spain (La Rioja, Madrid and Pais Vasco) in the past 14 days will be arranged to stay in a quarantine centre for quarantine.

In light of the latest circumstances related to COVID-19 in France, Germany, Japan and Spain, the Senior Management has decided to step up the precautionary measures as follows:

**With immediate effect**, all staff, students and visitors who have visited **France, Germany, Japan or Spain** in the past 14 days are required to make **additional** declarations in the Travel Declaration and Health Status Form (the Form). The Form has been revised to serve this purpose.

The related arrangements are summarized as below:

- (a) All staff and students, except those of category (b) below, who need to enter the campus or student hostels are required to complete the Form before their first entry to the campus or student hostels;
- (b) Staff and students, who have visited Mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan South Korea or Spain in the past 14 days are required to complete the Form immediately upon their return to Hong Kong regardless of whether they have submitted a completed Form before;
- (c) All visitors who need to enter the campus or student hostels are required to complete the Form at the entrance of the campus or student hostels; and

(d) All staff and students returning to Hong Kong from Mainland China, France, Germany, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea or Spain are required to undertake self-quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival in Hong Kong.

Staff and students who have submitted the Form earlier upon their return to Hong Kong and have been staying in Hong Kong since then without any new information to report are exempted from the above requirements.

Although you may have completed the Form earlier, please do observe the latest requirements on travel and health declaration as announced by the University from time to time which may require you to complete the form again.

Hyperlinks of the Forms are given below:

- For STAFF: [http://www.polyu.edu.hk/travel\\_declaration](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/travel_declaration)
- For STUDENTS: [http://www.polyu.edu.hk/student\\_travel\\_declaration](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/student_travel_declaration)

The Forms will be forwarded to the respective Heads of Department/Unit with copies to the Health, Safety and Environment Office (for staff) and the Dean of Students Office (for students).

For public health concerns, all staff and students undertaking self-quarantine will not be allowed to enter the campus and student hostels.

The University also reserves the right to temporarily suspend your access to the campus and/or hostels if you:

- Have not submitted the Form before your first entry to the campus or student hostels; or
- Have been in close contact with anyone diagnosed with or suspected of the novel coronavirus infection.

I appeal for your support and co-operation in implementing the above precautionary measures so that we can do our best to safeguard the health and safety of the PolyU community.

Thank you for your attention.

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