

Notice on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus (47): Two COVID-19 confirmed cases involving a student and a staff member

Task Force on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus

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Dear Colleagues and Students,

The University received reports last Saturday (12 December 2020) and today (14 December 2020) that a student from the School of Accounting and Finance (AF) and a staff member of the Department of Applied Mathematics (AMA) were tested positive for COVID-19 on 9 and 14 December respectively. The student has not returned to the campus recently and was sent to the quarantine centre on 27 November. The staff member conducted an online invigilation in room P116 on 11 December and last visited his office at TU 8/F on 12 December. They are now under medical attention and the University is maintaining contact with them to provide support and assistance as necessary.

The University has conducted a thorough disinfection and cleaning of the areas concerned. AMA has also notified their staff and students who might have close contacts with the confirmed case.

Staff members and students, who are asymptomatic but have concerns about the risk of infection or their health condition, may consider undergoing an in-house COVID-19 test through participation in the PolyU research project titled “Surveillance of asymptomatic population for COVID-19 and evaluation of automatic multiplex diagnostic platform in Hong Kong”. Participants must fulfill the following three criteria:

- COVID-19 asymptomatic individuals who are suspected contacts with confirmed cases but do not require immediate medical attention and display no symptoms;
- current staff member or student at PolyU or related to the PolyU community; and
- aged 18 or older.

Please refer to the following hyperlink for further details:

https://t.edm.polyu.edu.hk/activities_web/track/click?msgid=e61d9aa5-5527-4ca3-a12e-f7803861b57f&linkid=5f50f8c7598aab00019df30b

The University will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and step up health and safety measures as necessary.

Stay vigilant and healthy!

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