

Notice on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus (1)

Task Force on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus

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(This message is sent on behalf of the Task Force on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus.)

Dear Students and Colleagues

In light of the latest developments in the number of suspected cases in Hong Kong and the spreading of the novel coronavirus in Mainland China and elsewhere, the University has decided to implement the following measures with immediate effect unless otherwise indicated:

- 1. All face-to-face teaching will be suspended during the period of 3 February 2020 to 16 February 2020. Face-to-face teaching will resume on 17 February 2020.**
- 2. All inbound and outbound student and other exchange activities, including but not limited to internships, placements, service learning, etc., with Mainland China will be suspended until further notice.**
3. All staff are encouraged to defer their business visits to Mainland China as far as practicable. If there is a genuine need to visit Mainland China, you are advised to wear a surgical mask throughout the trip and continue to wear a surgical mask for 14 days after your return to Hong Kong, and to practice strict personal hygiene. In case you feel unwell, please seek medical consultation promptly and inform your doctor of your recent travel history.
4. All staff and students who have developed a fever or feel unwell are strongly advised to seek medical advice and take medical leave. For students staying at the hostels, they should inform the University immediately under these circumstances.
5. Effective from 30 January 2020, body temperature screening will be conducted at all entrance checkpoints of the campus and SHTM, and this will be done on a random basis in order to minimize any effect on the people flow. For Student Halls

of Residence, body temperature measurements of all residents and visitors will be taken at the hostel entrances.

6. Anyone who is found to have developed a fever at the entrances will be advised to seek medical consultation. Professional advice is available to students and staff from UHS which has set up a first aid station at Room AG 206 on main campus and a temporary clinic at the Hung Hom Student Hall of Residence.

Once again, you are reminded to practice strict personal hygiene.

For previous notices of the University and hyperlinks to health information about this novel coronavirus disease, please click below:

https://www.polyu.edu.hk/hseo/images/web_doc/pdf/Severe_Respiratory_Disease_associated_with_Novel_Infectious_Agent_Webpage_R5.pdf

You may also wish to check the updated information from the dedicated website of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of HKSAR Government for this novel coronavirus disease.

<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Leung (3400 8389) or Dennis Lai (3400 8393) of HSEO.

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