

Notice on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus (24): Further Social Distancing Measures on Campus and in Hostels

Task Force on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus

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Dear Staff and Students,

In view of the continuing surge of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Hong Kong in the past week, and the imminent threat of a community outbreak, the Hong Kong SAR Government introduced legislation with effect from 28 March 2020 to implement temporary measures to address the current situation of public health emergency.

To ensure the health and safety of our students and staff under the current circumstance, the Senior Management has decided that EXCEPT for emergency services and essential activities critical for the operation of the University, all forms of non-essential face-to-face interactions on campus and in the hostels involving more than four persons, including the following, shall be suspended with immediate effect until further notice:

1. All face to face interactions among students and between staff and students involving more than four persons.
2. All social activities and/or practice sessions organized by the various societies and clubs of PolyU.

The following requirements are also implemented with immediate effect:

1. Staff and students using the classrooms, computer rooms and other forms of learning spaces shall maintain a minimum distance of 1.8m from each other.
2. The seating in the canteens and at other catering outlets will be re-arranged to maintain the necessary social distancing. Each table shall be limited to four persons. Staff and students are encouraged to use take-out services to maximize social distancing.

The other arrangements as announced before, such as work from home, suspension of large-scale activities, and reporting/declaration relating to the novel coronavirus, should continue.

The University will closely monitor the evolving situation and keep you advised of any further initiatives to protect public health.

Please observe strict personal hygiene and the rules of social distancing to stay healthy in this trying period!

Best regards,

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