

Notice on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus (41): A COVID-19 close contact case involving a staff member

Task Force on Response Actions for the Novel Coronavirus

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Dear Colleagues and Students,

A staff member from the Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies whose office is on 6/F, Li Ka Shing Tower reported on the evening of 25 November 2020 that his family member was confirmed to have contracted COVID-19, after receiving an initial positive test result on the previous day. The staff member also had a COVID-19 test on 24 November 2020 with a negative result. The staff member has not returned to the campus since the afternoon of 25 November and is now pending transfer from home to the quarantine centre at Penny's Bay. A thorough disinfection to the staff member's office and the related areas on 6/F, LKS Tower and lift cars was carried out by FMO this morning (26 November 2020).

If any staff members and students who have visited 6/F, LKS Tower over the past few days and are asymptomatic but have concerns of being potentially infected, they may consider receiving 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 fulfil 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 provide necessary support to the affected staff member and will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in order to enhance the health and safety measures if it is deemed necessary to do so.

Please stay vigilant and take care!

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