

## Gradual resumption of work on campus

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Dear Members of HKUST,

The University has followed Government advice and adopted working from home arrangements since 2 December 2020. Despite the continued daily cases of outbreak, the Government has announced recently that more public services will resume in a safe and orderly manner <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202101/26/P2021012600452.htm>. The University plans to do the same, and campus units should gradually resume normal operations from next Monday 1 February 2021. Those units supporting student activities are encouraged to make early plans so that services can be resumed in time for the new semester.

Department Heads and Directors should plan for staff to progressively return to work from next Monday, taking into consideration preventive measures in the 13 March 2020 announcement by HSEO ([https://hseo.ust.hk/system/files/documents/COVID-19 Info Web Email 2020-03-13 HSEO.pdf](https://hseo.ust.hk/system/files/documents/COVID-19%20Info%20Web%20Email%202020-03-13%20HSEO.pdf)). To reduce people flow and to ensure social distancing, Heads and Directors are encouraged to exercise flexibility in work arrangements such as adopting staggered work hours and lunch breaks, and roster arrangement if necessary.

Transportation to and from the campus including staff and shuttle buses will continue to be arranged. Except UniQue and Diners@LSKBB, all catering outlets and grab-n-go food counters will resume operations from next week. For updated information about the transport and catering services, as well as the availability and operations of other campus services and facilities, please visit the COVID-19 webpage at <https://covid19info.ust.hk/current-arrangements>.

All members are reminded to strictly observe social distancing and keep up good personal and environmental hygiene practices. We will continue to enhance hygiene measures throughout campus, including periodic application of antimicrobial coating and regular filling of all hand sanitizers. Face mask supply to students and frontline staff will continue until further notice. We also encourage members to read the Government information on new or revised anti-epidemic requirements and practices which can be found at the following link: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html>.

We thank all members for their support and involved colleagues for their efforts and contributions in the past year. With the beginning of a new semester, let us all renew our dedication and sustain our fight against COVID-19.

Kind regards,

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