

Updates on Access Control, Class and Work Arrangements

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Dear Members of the University,

In response to the government's recent announcements on anti-pandemic measures, the University will be implementing the following requirements / arrangements:

Access Control and Vaccination / Regular Testing Reporting

- The current campus access and vaccination / testing reporting requirements remain the same, i.e. presentation of a valid University Campus Access Pass (CAP) at the gates is required for accessing campus. Visitors who come for two or fewer days will continue to register through the Visitor Pre-registration Form.
- **Starting 24 February, 2022**, in accordance with the government's expanded vaccine bubble requirement, **everyone is required to be vaccinated** for accessing "scheduled premises" under the Prevention & Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), i.e. University catering and sports facilities, library, and Shaw Auditorium, unless they have medical reasons or are under 12 years old.
- Members who are yet to take the COVID-19 vaccine are strongly urged to do so as soon as possible. Fully vaccinated members should also take the third dose when they are eligible for the booster.
- The CAP will be modified to allow for easy recognition of those who are vaccinated and those who are on testing.
- All members are required to present their CAP indicating their vaccination status to access the facilities mentioned above. Those without CAP will be required to present vaccination proof or medical records (e.g. electronic records stored in LeaveHomeSafe App / mobile phone, hard copy of vaccination record / medical certificate, etc).
- Alumni will have access to the University Vaccination / Testing Reporting System (VTRS) using their alumni email account starting 24 February for registration of CAP.

Class Arrangements for Spring Semester

- As [announced](#), all undergraduate classes will be delivered face to face on-campus by default. Classes with approved Not In Hong Kong (NIHK) student(s) will be held in mixed-mode or mixed-mode lite. Only some pre-approved courses will be offered purely online as was the case in Fall 2021.
- **Starting 17 February, 2022 (last day of the add/drop period)**, students who are enrolled in on-campus courses, but do not submit vaccination information or testing results on VTRS, may be de-registered from these courses.

Flexible Work Arrangements

- In view of the current pandemic situation, Department / Unit Heads are given discretion to adopt flexible work arrangements including work from home to support colleagues with needs or concerns, while maintaining essential operations of their offices. Such arrangements will be in place until 31 January, 2022 to ensure the smooth operation on 4 February, 2022, the first day of the Spring Semester.

We understand that the above measures may cause some inconvenience, and we ask for your understanding and cooperation. Let us work together to fight against COVID-19 and make our campus a safe environment. Please be assured that we will continue to closely monitor the pandemic situation / government updates and make any necessary adjustments.

Best regards,

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