

Preparation before you leave for Hong Kong...

1. IMPORTANT – read the detailed information provided by the Hong Kong Government (HKG) for Inbound Travellers, <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>. You will find important information such as procedures for entry, quarantine arrangements, infection control advice.
2. Those arriving in Hong Kong via the Hong Kong International Airport will be required to proceed to the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (TSCC) for collecting their deep throat saliva samples immediately upon arrival. If your test results are negative, you will be allowed to go home or to a designated place immediately to continue completion of the 14-day compulsory quarantine. Confirmed cases and their close contacts will respectively be arranged for admission to hospital and sent to designated quarantine centres directly.
3. Please also read the latest update on the HKU COVID-19 For Students page: <https://covid19.hku.hk/>
4. The University will not provide any facilities for quarantine. The halls of residence will NOT be used for quarantine purposes. Prior to entering the residential halls or participating in classes, you will be obligated to undergo and complete the mandatory 14-day quarantine. You should have booked your hotel or arranged your own designated place for such purpose.
5. Some hotels are open to receiving students for quarantine purposes. You can find some information on the HKU COVID-19 Website <https://covid19.hku.hk/control/quarantine/> HKG also provides a list https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/inbound/hotels_en.pdf You need to show proof of hotel booking record.
6. Hotels provide “Room Only” and “Room + Meals” packages. Some of the hotels allow outside food delivery while some don’t.
7. You are required to go to your designated place directly and are not supposed to do your shopping on your way or go out of the location during the quarantine period. So it is better for you to bring some basic necessity, and to find a friend to help with some simple shopping. Most delivery services do not provide door-to-door delivery service, but will simply deliver items to the lobby or even outside the building. If you are doing your quarantine in the community and not in hotels, you might need help from friends or you may wish to check with your building management about delivery service from street level to your door.
8. Since persons under quarantine have to stay at the premises at all times, you are encouraged to consider packing the following before you leave for Hong Kong:
 - a. Cash and credit card for online purchase. E-payment is accepted in some cases. These are important if you need to buy food or order delivery.

- b. A Hong Kong mobile phone number and/or wifi to do some of the food ordering or online purchase via mobile apps.
- c. To do online learning, you need to make sure the place has wi-fi.
- d. A smartphone to install the “StayHomeSafe” mobile app for compulsory quarantine.
- e. Masks for your travel and for travelling to your hotel or designated place. It is better to bring more masks, though you can still buy them in the shops after the quarantine period.
- f. If you plan to stay at home for quarantine, you should ask your co-living family members or friends and relatives to acquire your basic daily necessities and/or food for you. You may also consider online shopping and have items delivered to your door but you should not let anyone enter your home to reduce the risk of people being exposed to infection. If you plan to stay at a hotel, you should acquire what you need through the staff of the hotel.
- g. Bring a thermometer, as you need to measure your temperature twice a day.
- h. Travel adaptor (Three-pronged UK-style plug, with 220 volts AC, 50Hz).
- i. Snacks or comfort food from home, canned food, instant noodles, etc.
- j. Any prescribed medication.
- k. Comfortable clothes. Hotels are air-conditioned and so you need to be prepared for this.
- l. Washing machines or washing powder might not be available for use, so you need to be prepared for washing your clothings by hand, or bring more clothes for use during these 14 days.