

Preparation before you leave for Hong Kong...

1. IMPORTANT – read the latest announcements of the Hong Kong Government (HKG) for Inbound Travellers, <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>. You will find important information such as entry restrictions, quarantine requirements, infection control advices.
2. Those arriving in Hong Kong via the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) will be required to proceed to the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (TSCC) for collecting their deep throat saliva samples immediately upon arrival. You will need to stay at the TSCC to wait for test results which will be available on the same day before you can proceed with immigration procedures.
3. You should prepare to bring along with them all necessities, especially medications and their record, of sufficient quantities before boarding the plane as you will need to go to the TSCC set up in the restricted area of HKIA for COVID-19 testing immediately upon arrival to Hong Kong and can only proceed with immigration procedures and collect your checked-in baggage after completing relevant testing procedures. The waiting time is approximately 2 to 3 hours.
4. If you have negative test result, after the completion of all immigration procedures, you will have to go home / hotel / designated places for 14-day compulsory quarantine (for those from Mainland China or Macao) or have to take the designated transportation to go to the designated quarantine hotel that you have booked for 21 / 14 / 7 days quarantine (for those from overseas) immediately. Confirmed cases and their close contacts will respectively be arranged for admission to hospital and sent to designated quarantine centres directly.
5. 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 compulsory quarantine for 14 days at home / hotel / designated places (for inbound travellers from the Mainland China or Macao only), OR
 - the compulsory quarantine for 21 / 14 / 7 days in designated quarantine hotels (for inbound travellers from overseas).You should have booked your hotel or arranged your own designated place before arriving Hong Kong.
6. For details about the Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme, the Designated Transportation Scheme and the list of hotels, please go to here: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/designated-hotel.html>. You can also find some information on the HKU COVID-19 Website <https://covid19.hku.hk/control/quarantine/>. You need to show proof of hotel booking record upon arrival to the Hong Kong Airport.
7. Designated hotels provide “Room + 3 Meals” packages. Some of the hotels allow outside food delivery while some don’t.

8. If you will have compulsory quarantine at your home / designated place, you are required to go to the 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.
9. 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 21 / 14 / 7 days.
10. Please also read the latest update on the HKU COVID-19 Back To School page: <https://covid19.hku.hk/>