

## **Review of Anti-COVID-19 Measures at the Residential Colleges**

Since the introduction of the “Contingency Plan for Outbreak of COVID-19 at Residential Colleges/Old Hall” in August 2020, a number of developments and measures introduced by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) impacting on the adjustment of anti-COVID-19 measures have been encountered, for example, the identification of ‘Close Contact’ and the corresponding quarantine and isolation measures, and the introduction of compulsory testing for all residents in buildings with one confirmed case etc. The “Task Force for Review of Anti-COVID Measures at RC” (Task Force) which comprised members from University management, RCs and the student community was established in February 2021 to review the workflows and handling procedures, and propose new measures to address and update the anti-COVID-19 arrangements at the RCs. With the concerted efforts of Task Force members, the proposed New Measures for Anti-COVID-19 at the RCs were presented to and endorsed by the Residential Colleges System Committee (RCSC) on 19 March 2021.

### **New Measures for Anti-COVID-19**

The new measures aim to expedite the response mechanism to anti-COVID-19 arrangements and include the introduction of Private Test Kits for any resident with proven need and various ways to facilitate testing and triage in a prompt manner. The elaboration of the response mechanism in the [“Response Flowchart and Procedures for Handling ‘Other Contacts’ of COVID-19 Cases at RCs” \(Appendix I\)](#) and a [“Notification for Voluntary Self-Isolation Form” \(Appendix II\)](#) articulate in detail the corresponding workflow and procedures to coordinate the new operational measures, with the purposes of:

1. facilitating residents with proven need to have a prompt option to ascertain their health situation with the introduction of private Covid-19 test kits;
2. providing support to residents in-need via a subsidy capped at HK\$800 per night for up to two nights (or a full subsidy of the accommodation costs concerned, whichever is lower for residents) to take voluntary self-isolation while awaiting testing results if returning home was deemed not a feasible option;
3. providing a 50% subsidy on the COVID-19 test for residents in-need upon application.

The previous “Emergency Rooms” set-up at RCs will be suspended. A small number of “Contingency Rooms” in each RC will be reserved for general contingency use and not for voluntary self-isolation purpose.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact RCU at 3963 5800 or by email to [rescolleges@hsu.edu.hk](mailto:rescolleges@hsu.edu.hk).

Residential Colleges Unit

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## 住宿學院抗疫措施檢討

自 2020 年 8 月引入“住宿書院/元舍堂抗疫計劃”以來，由衛生防護中心（CHP）公佈的一系列抗疫措施，例如：“緊密接觸者”的界定以及相應的隔離措施、將有確診病例的所有大廈居民納入強制性檢測等，令住宿書院必須調整相關安排。「住宿書院抗疫專責小組」（下稱“專責小組”）於 2021 年 2 月成立，成員包括大學管理層、住宿書院及學生組織代表，負責審視有關程序及處理流程，並提出新應對措施。在專責小組成員的共同努力下，新擬訂的抗疫措施已於 2021 年 3 月 19 日提交住宿學院系統委員會（RCSC）並得到認可。

## 新抗疫措施

新措施旨在加快抗疫應對機制及為有確切需要的宿生提供快速抗原檢測試劑盒，並採用多種方式迅速進行測試和分流。有關機制見於「[住宿書院處理 2019 冠狀病毒病“其他接觸者”程序流程](#)」（附錄 I），以及「[自願性自我隔離通知表格](#)」（附錄 II），其目的是：

1. 通過引入快速抗原檢測試劑盒，方便宿生盡早了解個人健康狀況；
2. 支援無法回家的有需要宿生，提供不多於兩晚，每晚港幣 800 元的住宿補貼(或有關費用全額，以較低者為準)，用作宿生自願性自我隔離用途；
3. 透過申請，向有需要宿生提供百分之五十的 2019 冠狀病毒病測試補貼；

早前設置的“緊急房間”將停止運作。每所住宿書院只預留少量“應急房間”作一般應急用途而不適用於自願自我隔離安排。

如有任何疑問，請致電住宿書院事務組聯絡電話 3963 5800 或電郵到 [rescolleges@hsu.edu.hk](mailto:rescolleges@hsu.edu.hk) 查詢。

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2021 年 3 月 31 日