

@NTHU COVID-19 Bulletin Board 【1100111】

1. Information from Division of Health Service:

- (1) The chickenpox epidemic was spreading a couple weeks ago. Since its transmission route is similar to Coronavirus, all university units are requested to reinforce epidemic prevention measures, including environmental clean-up, maintaining social distancing, wearing masks in confined spaces, and personal hygiene protection (such as washing hands frequently, wearing masks, taking body temperature etc.).
- (2) Coronavirus disease: Currently 6 faculties, staffs and students are being tracked for health management of the disease, including 4 home quarantine and 2 independent health management. So far, no symptoms of physical discomfort are reported.
- (3) Chickenpox epidemic: Currently, 5,607 people are being tracked for the disease, including 8 with chickenpox and 5,599 with close contacts of chickenpox. So far, none has complications.
- (4) Starting January 2021, an audit team will conduct on-site environmental decontamination audits. All units please follow the disinfection checklist, posted in the Epidemic Prevention Zone, to enforce environmental decontamination.

2. Information from Office of Academic Affairs:

- (1) Guidelines for course conducts during the epidemic period:
 - (a) Course instructors are asked to advise students to wear a mask during class and final exams. If social distance and ventilation cannot be maintained in the classroom, wearing a mask is mandate. When a student has the symptoms of fever, red rash, chicken pox, etc., the student should wear a mask and long-sleeved clothes and seek medical attention as soon as possible by contacting the Division of Health Service immediately at 03-5743000.
 - (b) For those who are unable to participate in the entire course or assessment for a leave of absence due to epidemic prevention leave, the instructor may, according to the type of the subject, adjust the assessment method and use make-up exams or other remedial measures to handle the grade.
- (2) The "Flexible Study Way for Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia Prevention" for the spring semester of 2021 has been posted in the Epidemic Prevention Zone and on the website of the Office of Academic Affairs.

3. Information from Office of the Secretary:

If a foreign student, after arriving on campus, needs to leave the country for any reason, the academic unit that the student belongs to will administrate the re-entrance, including quarantine. The administrative workflow is posted in the Epidemic Prevention Zone.

4. Information from Centers of Disease Control:

- (1) Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) imposes entry restrictions and quarantine measures for non-R.O.C. nationals starting from January 1, 2021, and tightens quarantine measures for travelers coming to Taiwan starting on January 15, 2021.
 - A. Non-R.O.C. nationals may enter Taiwan if they meet the following conditions:
 - (a) Foreign nationals: foreign nationals may enter Taiwan if they hold an Alien Resident Certificate (ARC); for diplomatic or official business; to fulfill contractual obligations; for special humanitarian reasons; when they are the spouse or the underage child of an R.O.C. national; or when they obtain other special permission.

- (b) Hong Kong and Macao residents: Hong Kong and Macao residents may enter Taiwan if they hold an ARC; to fulfill contractual obligations; as part of internal transfers within multinational enterprises; when they are the spouse or the underage child of an R.O.C. national; or when they obtain permission under special programs.
- (c) People from Mainland China: people from Mainland China may enter Taiwan if they hold an ARC; when they are the spouse or the underage child of an R.O.C. national; or when they obtain permission under special programs.
- B. Travelers transiting through Taiwan are temporarily prohibited.
- C. Short-term business travelers eligible for shortened quarantine periods in Taiwan, except for those who have obtained permission for their application, will be required to complete the 14-day home quarantine.
- D. Suspending acceptance of entry applications for international medical care purpose. Special cases or emergency medical care cases are not subject to this rule.

The CECC will also tighten home quarantine measures for travelers entering Taiwan starting from January 15, 2021. Apart from the original requirement of providing a COVID-19 RT-PCR test report issued within three days of boarding, arriving travelers shall also provide proof of the place of quarantine where travelers stay to undergo quarantine (in principle, the place shall be a group quarantine facility or quarantine hotel; those who choose to undergo quarantine at home shall make an affidavit to declare they have met the requirement of one person per residence). Entry quarantine measures will be adjusted on a rolling basis depending on the status of the pandemic and implementation of those measures.

- (2) Starting from December 23, arrivals from the UK and travelers who have history of travel to the UK in the past 14 days are required to undergo quarantine at group quarantine facilities.

According to Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC), the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) accelerated in the United Kingdom recently. The UK authorities pointed out that the new strain can be up to 70% more transmissible than the original strain. To avoid adverse impacts caused by the developments, the CECC announced that **travelers arriving in Taiwan from the United Kingdom and those who have traveled to the United Kingdom in the past 14 days are required to proceed to group quarantine facilities to undergo quarantine for 14 days after entry. Before they complete the quarantine period, they will be tested for COVID-19.**

5. Information from Ministry of Education:

- (1) The Ministry of Education has suspended the application for entrance of overseas degree students starting December 31, 2020, including all students and MFA Taiwan Scholarship recipients who have taken Chinese language as a pre-requisite.
- (2) Overseas students who have received the "Certificate of Permission to Enter Taiwan as a Foreign Student" issued by the university and approved by the Ministry of Education before December 30, 2020, are still allowed to enter Taiwan.
- (3) In order to strengthen border quarantine, the Ministry of Education reiterates that **faculties, staffs, and students should take alternative measures to travel abroad during the epidemic period; if there is an urgent need to travel abroad, the university should carefully evaluate the urgency; students who have already on campus should avoid non-essential travelling abroad, so as to avoid disruption of schooling when the border control policy is adjusted in response to the development of the epidemic.**