

Dear Chairman of the Task Force on Infectious Disease,

It is reported in the news that HKU has given out 50,000 surgical masks to senior citizens recently. Ironically, the unions have received numerous complaints from HKU staff about their supervisors forcing them to return to work even they have expressed extreme difficulties in getting surgical masks. The unions have written to the Task Force a few times requesting the University to provide surgical masks to colleagues returning to office as basic protection and also to reduce the possibility of getting infected by asymptomatic carriers. We, therefore, would like to request a meeting with the Task Force to discuss the safety and health concerns of staff. Your earliest reply is much appreciated.

Regards,
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