

A contractor staff of the South East New Territories Landfill tested positive for COVID-19

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said today (December 28) that a contractor staff of the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on December 27.

The staff concerned is responsible for the supervision of weighbridge operation. He is required to measure his body temperature before working and wear mask during work. This case is believed to be associated with his previously infected family member. The landfill contractor has immediately arranged tests for other weighbridge staff and the results are all negative. The relevant working area has been thoroughly sterilised. In addition, the landfill contractor has also arranged test for all their staff on December 30 so as to strengthen the monitoring. The SENT Landfill only receives construction waste and its current operation remains normal.

The EPD will continue to maintain close liaison with the Centre for Health Protection. Staff have been reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and protective equipment, and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice as soon as possible if feeling unwell.