

A female police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 43-year-old female police officer who is posted to the Regional Crime Prevention Officer, New Territories South Region was preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19. She felt unwell on December 7 and sought medical treatment at a clinic. Preliminary results released today (December 9) showed that she tested positive for COVID-19. She had no travel history over the past 14 days and her work did not involve any contact with members of the public. She last attended work on December 7.

Police are highly concerned and have the following messages for the public:

(1) While awaiting further assessment and recommendations from the Department of Health (DH), officers that might have come into close contact with the police officer have been arranged to quarantine for observation and undergo tests for the virus;

(2) Police have deployed staff to clean and disinfect the premises where the officer works in;

(3) Police have reminded officers to maintain personal hygiene and reduce social contact to minimise the risk of infection. They should immediately report their cases and consult a doctor if they feel unwell; and

(4) Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure the provision of emergency services remains unaffected.

Police will continue to maintain close communication with the DH and proactively provide information such as the recent duty record and roster of the police officer concerned. Arrangements will be made for close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.