

A female police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 26-year-old female police officer who is posted to Regional Missing Person Unit, Kowloon East Region was preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19. She felt unwell on December 18 and sought medical treatment at a clinic on December 20. Preliminary results released today (December 22) showed that she tested positive for COVID-19. She had no travel history over the past 14 days. She attended a meeting with a non-government organisation (NGO) on December 19. The officer concerned wore face mask throughout the meeting and the NGO was informed immediately afterwards. She last attended work on December 19.

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 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.