

A female Police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 22-year-old female officer who is stationed in Sham Shui Po Police Station was preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). She is posted to a patrol sub-unit and has no travel history in the past 14 days. Whilst on duty yesterday (March 24), she felt unwell and was not involved in any frontline duties that required interaction with members of the public. She later went to a hospital for treatment and was preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

In the interest of public health, the Police have deployed the following measures:

1. Before further assessment by the Centre for Health Protection, the officers stationed at the same sub-unit will not conduct duties that require interaction with members of the public;

2. Starting from February 29, all officers working at Police stations are required to wear masks, and everyone entering any station needs to have their body temperature measured in order to ensure health safety;

3. Police are in touch with the Department of Health (DH) regarding the arrangement to sterilise all facilities in the Police station concerned, including the report room and vehicles;

4. Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure provision of emergency services of the district concerned remains unaffected;

5. Police have reminded officers to reduce social contact to minimise risks of infection, and pay attention to physical health. If feeling unwell, they should consult a doctor and report the case.

Police are highly concerned about the case and will maintain close communication with the DH and provide assistance in tracing the pathology, by proactively providing information such as the duty record and roster of the officer concerned. Arrangements will be made for close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.