

## **A male police constable posted to Western Division preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19**

A 41-year-old male Police Constable who is posted to the Patrol Sub-unit of Western Division, preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Feeling unwell on December 10, the police officer's family member sought medical treatment from a hospital and was tested positive for COVID-19 on the next day (December 11). The police officer was classified as close contact and was later escorted to the Quarantine Centre. He was also tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday (December 22). He has no travel history over the past 14 days. He had no contact with members of the public and he wore face masks during his tour of duty. His last working day was December 11.

The Police are highly concerned and have the following messages:

(1) Before further assessment by the Centre for Health Protection, all Police officers and civilian staff who might have been in contact with the officer concerned have been arranged to undergo COVID-19 test;

(2) All facilities in the office concerned have been sterilised;

(3) All officers have been reminded to reduce social contact to minimise risks of infection, and to pay attention to physical health. If feeling unwell, they should consult a doctor and report the case immediately;

(4) The Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure provision of policing services of the areas concerned remains unaffected.

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 police officer concerned. Arrangements will be made for close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.