

A male Police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 23-year-old Police Constable who is posted to the Police Tactical Unit has been preliminarily diagnosed with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). He underwent a virus test in a designated clinic yesterday (August 8) and was tested positive for COVID-19. The Police officer is currently receiving training in the Police Tactical Unit and had not performed any duties that would require him to come into contact with members of the public. He has no travel history over the past 14 days and last attended work on August 7.

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

- 1) While awaiting further assessment and recommendations from the Department of Health (DH), colleagues that might have come into close contact with the Police officer have been arranged to work from home and undergo tests for the virus;
- 2) Police have deployed staff to clean and disinfect the premises where the Police officer received training; and
- 3) Police have reminded all colleagues to maintain personal hygiene and reduce social contact to lower the risk of contracting and transmitting the virus, and that they should immediately report their cases and seek medical attention if they feel unwell.

Police will liaise closely 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 any close contacts to be conveyed to designated centres for quarantine.