

A male police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 23-year-old male police officer who is posted to the Patrol Sub-unit of Ngau Tau Kok Division, preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). Feeling unwell on December 21, the police officer's family member was escorted by ambulance to the hospital and was preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday (December 22). The police officer was later escorted to the hospital and was also tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. He had no travel history over the past 14 days and wore face masks all the time while coming in contact with members of the public. He last attended work on December 21.

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.