

A male police officer tested positive for COVID-19

A 54-year-old male police officer who is posted to the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts was tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). He felt unwell on December 3 and sought medical treatment at a clinic. He was tested positive for COVID-19 today (December 6). He had no travel history over the past 14 days, and he wore masks when he had to come into contact with members of the public. He last attended work on December 4.

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), 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 notified the Judiciary to clean and disinfect the premises where the police 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;

4) Since the onset of the pandemic, Police have been regularly deploying staff to disinfect and clean the premises for safeguarding public health; and

5) Police will deploy resources flexibly to ensure the provision of emergency services remains unaffected.

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 close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.