

A police officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

A 36-year-old male police officer who is posted to Traffic, New Territories South was preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The police officer felt unwell on July 21 and sought medical treatment at a hospital the following day (July 22). Preliminary results released yesterday evening showed that he was tested positive for COVID-19. The police officer had no travel history over the past 14 days. He last attended work on July 20, and he wore masks when he had to come into contact with members of the public.

Police are highly concerned about the case and have the following message for members of the public:

1) While awaiting further assessment and recommendation by the Department of Health (DH), officers 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 Disciplined Services Quarters the police officer resides in, as well as the office he works in;

3) 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 will continue to maintain close communication with 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.