

A Senior Immigration Assistant tested positive for COVID-19

This evening (July 13), the Immigration Department (ImmD) learned that a male Senior Immigration Assistant who stationed at Control Support Section was notified to have tested positive for COVID-19.

The officer concerned is mainly responsible for providing supporting services at the 14/F and 16/F of the Wan Chai Immigration Tower. Both floors are not public floors and are not open to the public. He last performed duties on July 10 and sought medical treatment at clinic, and was subsequently notified of the tested positive result this evening.

The officer concerned has no recent travel history. He has been wearing mask when performing duties, his body temperature was normal and he followed relevant disease prevention measures at work. Currently, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) is trying to find out the cause of his infection and whether he has been in close contact with other people. ImmD will proactively co-operate with the center's quarantine work including arranging related immigration staff members to undergo COVID-19 testing.

His workplace has immediately been arranged for thorough cleansing and to be fully sterilised in accordance with the guidelines of the CHP including all public facilities.

During the situation of COVID-19 infection, the Department has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of persons before entering the building, providing employees with masks and other protective equipment, requiring employees to wear masks when performing duties, and stepping up the cleaning and sterilizing measures of the working environment.

The Department will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP and has also reminded its staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and stay vigilant. If feeling unwell, staff are reminded to seek medical advice and inform the department as soon as possible.