<u>A woman Sergeant preliminarily tested</u> <u>positive for COVID-19</u>

A 43-year-old woman Sergeant who is posted to the Financial Investigation section of the Narcotics Bureau was preliminarily tested positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). She felt unwell on Sunday (July 19) and sought medical treatment at a families Clinics the following day (July 20). Preliminary results released today (July 22) showed that she tested positive for COVID-19. The woman Sergeant had no travel history over the past 14 days, and had not performed any duties that would require her to come into contact with members of the public. She last attended work on July 20.

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 woman Sergeant 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 woman Sergeant resides in, as well as the office she 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.

4) Since the onset of the pandemic, Police have constantly deployed staff to disinfect and clean all public areas at the Police Headquarters to safeguard public health.

Police will continue to maintain close communication with DH and proactively provide information such as the recent duty record and roster of the woman Sergeant concerned. Arrangements will be made for close contacts to be conveyed to quarantine centres to undergo quarantine.