

Clinic service during New Year Holiday

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) today (December 30) announced that 13 general out-patient clinics (see table below) will remain open on New Year's Day (January 1). Members of the public are reminded to make advance booking through the telephone system as usual for an appointment.

The HA spokesperson added that the accident and emergency (A&E) departments in public hospitals will also operate as usual during the holiday to serve patients with urgent medical needs. As public hospitals are in the winter service surge period, coupled with the expected increase in A&E attendance on the first working day following the holiday, A&E departments will accord priority treatment to patients with critical and emergency conditions as assessed under the established triage system, while semi-urgent and non-urgent patients might have to wait longer for consultation.

The spokesperson appeals to members of the public for their understanding and co-operation while waiting in A&E departments for consultation. As an alternative, non-urgent patients are advised to consider seeking consultation at general out-patient clinics or clinics of private doctors. Members of the public are welcome to call the HA Infoline (2882 4866) for the service information on general out-patient clinics during the holiday, and also to browse the Primary Care Directory of the Department of Health at www.pcdirectory.gov.hk or download the mobile app "Primary Care Directory" to find the family doctor and related clinic service information within the district.

To facilitate public understanding of public hospital services during the winter surge, the HA has launched a designated page on the website (www.ha.org.hk/goto/wintersurge/en) and also the mobile app "HA Touch" to provide some key information including A&E waiting time, A&E attendances, medical in-patient bed occupancy rate and hyperlink to private healthcare services websites.

District	Name of Clinic	Telephone number for booking	General enquiry
Hong Kong Island	Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0077	2560 0211
	Violet Peel General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0000	3553 3116
	Aberdeen Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3543 5011	2555 0381

Kowloon	Kwun Tong Community Health Centre	3157 0687	2389 0331
	Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital Family Medicine Clinic	3157 0118	2354 2267
	Robert Black General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0113	2383 3311
	Yau Ma Tei Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0880	2272 2400
New Territories	Lady Trench General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0107	2614 4789
	Lek Yuen General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0972	2692 8730
	Shek Wu Hui Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0965	2670 0211
	Tai Po Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic	3157 0906	2664 2039
	Tuen Mun Clinic	3543 0886	2452 9111
	Yuen Long Jockey Club Health Centre	3543 5007	2443 8511

Consultation hours:

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm

[Fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan](#)

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Chai Wan in the small hours today (December 30) in which a 55-year-old man died.

At about 5.12am, a taxi driven by the 55-year-old man was travelling along Island Eastern Corridor westbound. When approaching Oi Tung Estate, the taxi reportedly collided with a private car which stopped at roadside.

The taxi driver was sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 6.03am. The 36-year-old female private car driver sustained minor injuries and was sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in conscious state.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6800.

Butterflies add colour to HK

Hong Kong is home to more than 200 butterfly species, some of which can be found all year round.

News.gov.hk spoke with an Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department Field Officer for an insight into the unique behaviour of butterflies and to learn why it is important to conserve them.

The story appears on news.gov.hk (December 30) in text and video format.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates of medical wards in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate of medical wards in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

Temporary closure of Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (December 30) that due to urgent repair works, Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool in Sha Tin District has been temporarily closed until further notice.