

CHP investigates case of invasive meningococcal infection

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (July 21) investigating a case of invasive meningococcal infection, a communicable disease transmitted by direct contact with droplets from carriers or infected persons.

The case involves a 67-year-old male with good past health, who presented with fever since July 16 and was found unconscious on July 20. He was sent to the Accident and Emergency Department of North District Hospital on the same day. He was admitted for treatment and his clinical diagnosis was meningococcaemia. The patient is now in critical condition. His cerebrospinal fluid sample tested positive for *Neisseria meningitidis* upon laboratory testing.

Initial enquiries revealed that the patient had no travel history during the incubation period. The CHP's epidemiological investigations of the case are ongoing, including contact tracing. A household contact of the patient, who has developed symptoms, has been arranged to North District Hospital for management and is currently in stable condition.

"Meningococcal infection is caused by a bacterium known as meningococcus. It is mainly transmitted by direct contact through respiratory secretions, including droplets from the nose and throat, from infected persons. The incubation period varies from two to 10 days, and is commonly three or four days," a spokesman for the CHP said.

The clinical picture may vary. Severe illness may result when the bacteria invade the bloodstream (meningococcaemia) or the membranes that envelop the brain and spinal cord (meningococcal meningitis).

Meningococcaemia is characterised by a sudden onset of fever, intense headache, purpura, shock and even death in severe cases. Meningococcal meningitis is characterised by high fever, severe headache and a stiff neck followed by drowsiness, vomiting, fear of bright light, or a rash. It can cause brain damage or even death. The brain damage may lead to intellectual impairment, mental retardation, hearing loss and electrolyte imbalance. Invasive meningococcal infection can be complicated by arthritis, inflammation of the heart muscle, inflammation of the posterior chamber of the eye or chest infection.

Meningococcal infection is a serious illness. Patients should be treated promptly with antibiotics.

To prevent meningococcal infection, members of the public are advised to take heed of the following measures:

- Wash hands with liquid soap and water properly, especially when they are dirtied by respiratory secretions, e.g. after sneezing, and clean hands with alcohol-based handrub when they are not visibly soiled;
- Cover the nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing, hold the spit with a tissue, dispose of nasal and mouth discharge in a lidded rubbish bin, and wash hands immediately;
- Avoid crowded places;
- Avoid close contact with patients who have a fever or severe headache;
- Travellers to high-risk areas may consult doctors for meningococcal vaccination; and
- Travellers returning from high-risk areas should seek medical advice if they become ill, and should discuss their recent travel history with their doctor.

â€‹The public may visit the CHP's [website](#) for more information on meningococcal infection.

Landlord of subdivided units under regulated tenancy convicted of failing to submit Notice of Tenancy within prescribed period and failing to provide tenant with rent receipt

A landlord of subdivided units (SDUs) contravened Part IVA of the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) Ordinance (Cap. 7) (the Ordinance) and pleaded guilty today (July 21) at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts for five offences under the Ordinance. The landlord was fined a total of \$3,600. The offences of the landlord include failing to (1) provide the tenant with a rent receipt; and (2) submit Notice of Tenancy (Form AR2) to the Commissioner of Rating and Valuation (the Commissioner) within 60 days after the term of the regulated tenancy commenced. This is the fourth SDU landlord convicted of contravening the Ordinance since the Ordinance came into force on January 22, 2022.

The Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) received the relevant complaint in mid-September 2022. Upon in-depth investigation and evidence collection, the RVD discovered that the landlord concerned was suspected of contravening two requirements of the Ordinance, and hence prosecuted against the landlord.

Pursuant to Section 120AAZN of the Ordinance, a landlord of a regulated tenancy must, within seven days after receiving the amount of rent paid by

the tenant, provide the tenant with a receipt. The receipt must state the landlord's name and address, the period for which the rent is paid, and the date of payment. A landlord failing to comply with the above requirements commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 1 (\$2,000).

In addition, pursuant to Section 120AAZT of the Ordinance, the landlord of a regulated tenancy must submit a completed Form AR2 to the Commissioner to notify the particulars of the tenancy within 60 days after the term of the regulated tenancy commenced. A landlord who refuses or neglects to comply with the above requirements without reasonable excuse commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 3 (\$10,000), and in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of \$200 for each day during which the offence continues.

A spokesman for the RVD hopes that this conviction will send a strong message to SDU landlords that they must comply with the relevant requirements under the Ordinance, and also remind SDU tenants of their rights under the Ordinance. The RVD stresses that it will handle each suspected offence case under the Ordinance seriously. Apart from following up on reported cases, the RVD has been adopting a multi-pronged and interdepartmental approach to proactively identify and follow up on cases concerning landlords who are suspected of contravening the Ordinance.

The RVD spokesman also appeals to members of the public to come forward and report to the RVD promptly any suspected cases of contravening the relevant requirements. This would help curb illegal acts as soon as possible. Reporting can be made through the telephone hotline (2150 8303), by email (enquiries@rvd.gov.hk), by fax (2116 4920), by post (15/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon), or in person (please call 2150 8303 to make an appointment with the Tenancy Services Section of the RVD before visiting its office at Room 3816-22, 38/F, Immigration Tower, 7 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai).

For enquiries related to a regulated tenancy, please call the above telephone hotline or visit the RVD's webpage (www.rvd.gov.hk/en/our_services/part_iva.html) for the relevant information.

[Missing man in Tuen Mun located](#)

Â Â Â Â Â A man who went missing in Tuen Mun has been located.

Â Â Â Â Â Chan Kam-wing, aged 40, went missing after he was last seen at Tin King Estate on July 19 morning. The staff of a caring centre made a report to Police on the same day.

Â Â Â Â Â The man was located on Wu Sau Street in Castle Peak yesterday (July 20) afternoon. No suspicious circumstances were detected.

Invitation of tenders for tenancy at Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year tenancy of Shop No. 301 on the Ground Floor, Passenger Clearance Building, 33 Shun Fai Road, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port, Lantau, Hong Kong, subject to the provisions for renewal for a further term of two years.

The premises should only be used for general retail and/or services purposes excluding storage, sale or display of:

- (1) dutiable goods as defined under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109), unless the premises have been issued with a warehouse licence under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109);
- (2) duty-paid goods as defined under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109); and
- (3) goods, merchandise or commodities that are from time to time prohibited from import into Hong Kong under the laws of Hong Kong.

The decision of the Landlord as to what constitutes goods, merchandise or commodities under (3) above shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Tenant. All references in the Form of Tenancy Agreement to the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance (Cap. 109) shall include any regulations made thereunder and any amending legislation.

The tender notice was uploaded today (July 21) to the Agency's website: www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 9/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices, 11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon, during the period from 9am to 6pm from Monday to Friday, except public holidays. The document can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to conduct a site inspection of the premises should make a prior appointment with the Agency by calling 3842 6915 on or before July 28.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the Ground Floor, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, before noon on August 22. Late tenders will not be accepted.

Contractor fined for violation of safety legislation

A contractor was fined \$124,000 at Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (July 21) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance and the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on July 7, 2022, at a building demolition site at Robinson Road. A worker, while working on the roof floor of a building, fell through a floor opening to the ground floor. The worker sustained serious injuries and passed away on the same day.