

## **Temporary closure of two sports centres in Southern District**

A spokesman for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department said today (January 6) that since a person confirmed as having coronavirus disease 2019 had visited Aberdeen Sports Centre and Ap Lei Chau Sports Centre in Southern District, the Centres will be temporarily closed at 6pm today for thorough cleaning and disinfection of the facilities.

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## **Temporary closure of EMSD Gallery and Education Path**

In view of the latest developments of COVID-19, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) announced today (January 6) that the EMSD Gallery and the Education Path at its headquarters in Kowloon Bay will be temporarily closed from tomorrow (January 7) until further notice.

For enquiries, please call 3757 6162 or email [edpath@emsd.gov.hk](mailto:edpath@emsd.gov.hk).

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## **Lands Department issues 10 pre-sale consents in fourth quarter of 2021**

The Lands Department (LandsD) issued nine pre-sale consents for residential developments and one pre-sale consent for non-residential development in the fourth quarter of 2021.

The nine pre-sale consents for eight residential developments (of which three are phased developments) involve a total of 3 532 residential units. Three developments in Tai Po, Yuen Long and Lantau Island, comprising a total of 652 residential units, are expected to be completed in 2022. Three developments in Sham Shui Po and Yuen Long, comprising a total of 1 708 residential units, and two phases of a development in Kai Tak, comprising a total of 1 051 residential units, are expected to be completed in 2023. One development in Central, comprising 121 residential units, is expected to be completed in 2024.

The department also issued one pre-sale consent for non-residential development in the fourth quarter. In addition, four consents to assign were issued, involving a total of 3 036 residential units in a phased development in North Point and three phases of a development in Tseung Kwan O.

Taking into account the pre-sale consents issued in the first three quarters in 2021, the LandsD issued a total of 29 pre-sale consents for residential developments involving 14 659 residential units in 2021.

As at the end of December 2021, 33 applications for pre-sale consent for residential developments were being processed. They involve a total of 17 570 residential units. Details are set out as follows:

No. of applications	Year in which developments are expected to be completed	No. of residential units involved
4	2022	1 688
10	2023	4 949
19	2024	10 933

In addition, five applications for consent to assign involving a total of 2 005 residential units and four applications for pre-sale consent for non-residential developments were being processed.

Members of the public can obtain up-to-date information on consents issued for the past quarter and cases pending approval as at the end of December 2021 by visiting the LandsD's website ([www.landsd.gov.hk](http://www.landsd.gov.hk)).

Intending purchasers are advised to study carefully the details of the development and the sale procedures, through information available from public advertisements, sales brochures and price lists released by the developer, before making a deposit for purchase. The sales brochure for a development also contains a summary of the provisions of the Deed of Mutual Covenant, including information on the common parts, the number of undivided shares assigned to each unit, the term of years for which the manager is appointed, the basis on which the management expenses are shared among the owners of the units, and a summary of the provisions of the government land grant, which intending purchasers are recommended to read carefully.

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## [Temporary closure of AMO venues](#)

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) announces today (January 6) that in view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the following 10 venues of

the AMO will be temporarily closed starting from tomorrow (January 7) until January 20. These venues are Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui, Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre in Yuen Long, Tai Fu Tai in San Tin, Old House of Wong Uk Village in Sha Tin, No. 10 San Wai in Wong Chuk Hang, the Fortified Structure at Ha Pak Nai, Fong Yuen Study Hall on Ma Wan, the Wun Yiu Exhibition at the Sheung Wun Yiu Village in Tai Po, the Information Centres of Tung Chung Fort on Lantau Island and Tung Lung Fort on Tung Lung Chau in Sai Kung.

All educational activities, docent services and public programmes except online talks will be suspended during the closure period.

The AMO will monitor the situation closely and review the arrangements in a timely manner. For enquiries, please call the AMO at 2208 4488.

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## **Government reminds public that Comirnaty vaccination is available at eight private healthcare institutions**

The Government has further expanded the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme since January 1. All eligible persons who have received two COVID-19 vaccine doses six months ago or earlier can receive the third dose. According to experts, a third dose of the Comirnaty vaccine is strongly recommended for individuals who had received two doses of Comirnaty or the CoronaVac vaccine and are aged 18 and above.

The Government calls on members of the public to make good use of the eight private healthcare institutions providing Comirnaty vaccination service. A pilot scheme was launched earlier to broaden the vaccination network of the Comirnaty vaccine with a view to providing additional channels for vaccination through these institutions. The eight private healthcare institutions offer Comirnaty vaccination service free of charge at 26 service venues across the city and allow the public to make bookings in order to shorten the waiting time. Members of the public can make appointments for vaccination with these institutions and clinics directly without going through the Government's website. Enquiry hotlines and details of vaccination venues are available at the thematic website of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme)).

Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs), vaccination stations at public hospitals and mobile vaccination stations set up by the Government will continue to administer the Comirnaty vaccine for members of the public. As walk-in quotas at the CVCs are limited, the Government appeals to members of the public to make bookings for vaccination via the online booking system as

far as possible so that they can receive vaccination as planned. Separately, the vaccination stations at public hospitals and mobile vaccination stations require queuing on-site. People in need, especially the elderly, may consider making use of the Comirnaty vaccination service provided by the aforementioned private healthcare institutions to save waiting time. The Government is closely monitoring the vaccination situation and service needs and will increase the vaccination capacities at the CVCs and vaccination stations at public hospitals in a timely manner. The Government will also keep co-ordinating with the aforementioned private healthcare institutions, so that the service capacities and vaccination venues can be increased having regard to vaccination demand.

"We are in a race against time with the highly transmissible mutant virus strains. Hence, we must speed up the vaccination pace in order to build a protective barrier in Hong Kong under the spreading threat posed by mutant virus strains," the Government spokesman reminded.

The Government spokesman added, "We appeal to those who have yet to receive the first or second vaccine dose, as well as those who are eligible to receive the third dose, to get vaccinated early for self-protection."