

CAD-outsourced maintenance staff tests positive for COVID-19

The Civil Aviation Department (CAD) today (August 29) learned that an outsourced maintenance staff has tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The staff mainly worked at the Facilities Building of the CAD Headquarters and performed support duties without contact with members of the public at work. He was notified to have tested positive for COVID-19 on August 28 and is being treated in the Prince of Wales Hospital. He last performed his duties on August 22 and had not worked at the Air Traffic Control Centre in the last 14 days.

The staff has no recent travel history. He has been wearing surgical masks when performing duties and has properly maintained social distancing with people he has had contact with. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

The CAD has been closely monitoring the epidemiological investigations of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The colleagues working with the staff are asymptomatic. The department has liaised with the CHP for arranging those colleagues to undergo COVID-19 testing. The concerned working places have also been arranged to undergo a thorough cleaning and sterilisation.

The CAD is concerned about the epidemic of COVID-19. All officers have been highly vigilant since the epidemic broke out. Relevant hygienic measures for infectious diseases provided by the CHP have been strictly adopted. All officers have their body temperatures checked before performing their duties, and wear proper personal protective equipment.

The department will continue to step up the cleaning and sterilising measures for all working locations and remind all officers to strictly comply with the hygienic measures of infectious diseases provided by the CHP. The officers will also be reminded to consult a doctor promptly if they have any discomforting symptoms.