

CHP follows up on COVID-19 confirmed case at Parkes Building in Jordan

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health today (April 17) said that it is following up on a confirmed case of COVID-19 with the preliminary test result involving N501Y mutant strain recorded at Parkes Building, 17-23 Parkes Street, Jordan last night. The CHP decided to carry out prudent measures on infection control and prevention to arrange compulsory quarantine for asymptomatic residents of all units on all floors of Parkes Building, so as to stop the potential risk of spread of N501Y mutant strain.

Starting from last night, the CHP has transferred asymptomatic residents of all units on all floors of Parkes Building (Ground Floor to 11th Floor with around 48 units) to quarantine centres; symptomatic residents were sent to the hospital for treatment. As of now, 81 residents were transferred to quarantine centres by the CHP.

A spokesman for the CHP said that as N501Y mutant strain is with high transmissibility and that sub-divided units are common in the building which is relatively old, the Government immediately made a "restriction-testing declaration" for the relevant area immediately after the test result was found positive last night, so as to stop the potential risk of further spread of the virus.

Moreover, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from April 9 to 16, 2021, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing on or before April 18. The Government reminds relevant persons to receive COVID-19 nucleic acid testing according to the compulsory testing notice.