

CHP follows up on COVID-19 confirmed cases and preliminary positive cases at Block C, Tung Fat Building in North Point

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (January 27) said that as eight confirmed cases and five preliminary positive cases of COVID-19 recently occurred at Block C, Tung Fat Building, Kam Ping Street in North Point, involving different units and floors, the CHP is proactively following up to investigate whether the infections of the cases are related, so as to stop the potential risk of further spread of the virus.

The CHP has co-ordinated with related Government departments and conducted a site inspection this afternoon to the concerned floors and units of Block C, Tung Fat Building to investigate and examine if environmental factors were involved in the infection of the cases. The CHP took into account the opinions from experts and decided to carry out prudent measures on infection control. The DH will issue quarantine orders to all asymptomatic residents of units 6 and 7 on all floors of Block C, Tung Fat Building (1st Floor to 15th Floor) and transfer them to quarantine centres; symptomatic residents will be sent to the hospital for treatment.

The Government has earlier exercised power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to require any person who had been present at Block C, Tung Fat Building for more than two hours at any time during the period from January 12 to 25 (including but not limited to residents, visitors and workers) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test by January 28.

As a precaution, the Government will also exercise power under the Regulation to require any person who had been present at Blocks A, B and D, Tung Fat Building for more than two hours at any time during the period from January 14 to 27 (including but not limited to residents, visitors and workers) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test by January 29. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between January 25 and January 27, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

For the well being of members of the public and public health safety, the Government appeals to the co-operation of all related residents to participate in the testing and stay home until the results of the tests are available, so as to prevent the risk of spreading the virus in the community.

The CHP spokesman urged all individuals who are in doubt about their own health condition, or individuals with exposure to infection risk, to undergo

testing promptly for early identification of infected persons.