

Civilian staff member of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre preliminarily tests positive for COVID-19

The Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre tonight (February 9) learned that a civilian staff member has preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

The 35-year-old male civilian staff member was notified by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) today that he had preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19. He last performed duties on February 8. The staff member is now under home isolation pending admission to hospital. He 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. He has been undergoing temperature checks at work.

Colleagues working together with the staff member have no symptoms for the time being. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has liaised with the CHP and followed the advice given which includes arranging COVID-19 testing for the relevant staff of the institution as well as conducting thorough cleaning and disinfection of the relevant locations.

The CSD is highly concerned about the COVID-19 epidemic and has remained highly vigilant. Relevant hygienic measures for prevention of infectious diseases have been strictly implemented in accordance with the established mechanism. In addition, a series of disease prevention and disinfection measures have been put in place, including requiring staff members to check body temperatures and wear masks before and when performing duties. All working locations in the institution also undergo cleaning and disinfection regularly. Staff members and persons in custody are also reminded by the management to have a medical consultation promptly if they have any symptoms.