

Contract security guard of Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

â€‹The Civil Aid Services (CAS) learned from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of Department of Health yesterday (January 11) that a contract security guard working in the Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre (PBQC) tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The security guard worked at PBQC and undertook duties related to security and backend support. She was mainly responsible for delivering daily necessities to confinees.

The security guard wore full personal protective equipment (including surgical mask, face shield, cap, gown and gloves) and strictly followed infection control measures at work. The CAS has immediately arranged cleansing and disinfection of the areas where the security guard had worked. The CAS staff and auxiliary members who have come into close contact with the security guard have already undergone testing and all have negative results. They have been reminded by the CAS to seek medical attention immediately if they feel unwell. Currently, around eighteen security guards were identified as close contacts and are undergoing quarantine. The CAS emphasises that the manpower of the PBQC is still sufficient and the PBQC continues to operate normally.