

# CSD latest arrangements in light of epidemic developments

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) said today (May 5) that as the epidemic trend of COVID-19 continues to stabilise in the community and correctional institutions, all social and official visit arrangements to correctional institutions will resume as normal from May 9 except for additional social visits which will continue to be suspended.

To reduce the risk of the spread of the virus into the institutions, the CSD will continue to implement the following measures: (i) visitors are required to conduct a rapid antigen test by themselves with a negative result on the day of the visit, and declare the test result in a health declaration form upon arrival at the correctional institutions; and (ii) save for exempted persons, visitors are required to follow the dosage schedule for the Vaccine Pass issued by the Government to present the corresponding vaccination record and/or relevant proof of recovery or infection for Vaccine Pass purposes, as well as to use the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app to register before being allowed to enter the correctional institutions for visits. For details of the dosage schedule for the Vaccine Pass, please refer to the government website at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp\\_t1\\_ENG.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/vp_t1_ENG.pdf). The visit arrangements and relevant measures may be subject to change according to the epidemic developments in correctional institutions, and visitors should pay attention to the announcements by the CSD and the departmental website.

Visitors should also note that all persons in custody (PICs) testing positive for COVID-19 and their close contact groups are not allowed to receive visits as they are subject to isolation for treatment and observation, during which they will be allowed to receive approved hand-in articles on one occasion. For the types and maximum quantities of the approved hand-in articles, please refer to the CSD website. Registered users of the HKCSD Mobile App may use the app to enquire about whether individual PICs are allowed to receive visits. Visitors may also call the staff of the Rehabilitation Unit or visit room of the respective correctional institutions (please refer to the departmental website for the telephone numbers) or the CSD hotline 2511 3511 in advance to enquire about the visit status of individual PICs.