

DH received report of suspected serious adverse event following COVID-19 vaccination

The Department of Health (DH) tonight (March 2) received a report from the Hospital Authority (HA) regarding a suspected serious adverse event following COVID-19 vaccination. The case involved a 63-year-old man who received COVID-19 vaccination at Kwun Chung Sports Centre Community Vaccination Centre in Jordan on February 26. He subsequently developed shortness of breath on February 28 and attended the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for treatment. He had passed away on the same day.

The DH has immediately contacted the HA upon the notification to obtain further information on the incident for conducting investigation and evaluation. At the moment, the causal relationship with the vaccination could not be ascertained. According to the established mechanism, the DH will provide the case to the Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment Following COVID-19 Immunisation for conducting causality assessment as soon as possible, and the assessment result will be released in a timely manner.