

DH's Hong Kong Families Clinic closed for disinfection

The Department of Health (DH) today (March 1) said its Hong Kong Families Clinic has to be closed tomorrow (March 2) for thorough cleaning and disinfection after a nurse tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Clients are being contacted to reschedule their service appointments.

The nurse concerned last performed duties on February 28. She wore appropriate personal protective equipment while performing duties.

â€‹The DH's Centre for Health Protection has initiated an epidemiological investigation. In view of the epidemic situation, the DH's clinics have stepped up infection control measures, including temperature screening for all visitors before entry, conducting health declaration, limiting the number of accompanying carers and rescheduling the appointments of patients with higher transmission risk (e.g. persons subject to compulsory testing). Each service unit of the DH has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures during the epidemic, including providing employees with masks and other protective equipment, and stepping up the cleaning and sanitising measures of the clinics. All staff members are wearing masks at work and practising hand hygiene at all times. The DH is highly concerned about the COVID-19 situation and has reminded all staff again to maintain personal hygiene and remain vigilant at all times. If feeling unwell, they should seek medical attention immediately.