

Domestic helper at Financial Secretary's official residence tests positive for COVID-19

A spokesman for the Financial Secretary's Office (FSO) today (March 1) said that a domestic helper at the official residence of the Financial Secretary has tested positive for COVID-19.

The domestic helper works at the Financial Secretary's official residence. She last performed duties on February 27 and is mainly responsible for daily household services at the residence. Owing to the nature of her work, she occasionally stays overnight in an adjacent staff quarters at the residence. She wore masks and followed relevant disease prevention measures at work, and has no recent travel history.

The helper concerned, and another helper who was diagnosed earlier, have not been on duty at the same time recently. The FSO has conducted cleaning and disinfection at the adjacent wing of the official residence and will follow up on the case in accordance with the advice from the Department of Health (DH).

The Financial Secretary and his family, as well as other domestic helpers at the residence have undergone testing with professional swab sampling and the results are negative.

Although Mr Chan and his family are not close contacts of the domestic helper, after consulting the DH, and for the sake of prudence, Mr Chan will work from home for five days until March 3, counting from the last day he had contact with the positive case.