

## Driver and worker employed by subcontractor of EPD test positive and preliminarily positive for COVID-19 respectively

â€‹The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) said today (August 6), a driver employed by a subcontractor of the South East New Territories (SENT) Landfill Extension site has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), while another worker of the same subcontractor has been notified of preliminary positive test result.

The subcontractor is responsible for the construction of the retaining wall in the site and is not involved in the operation of the SENT landfill, which only receives construction waste. After the driver's test result reported positive for the virus on July 31, the subcontractor had stopped the construction works on the next day (August 1), and arranged all workers to retreat from the site and undergo test for the virus. So far one of the workers, who was believed to have close contact with the driver, had tested preliminarily positive for the virus. All staff, including the driver and the worker, are required to measure body temperature and wear masks before entering the site.

The subcontractor's working area in the site has been thoroughly cleaned and sterilised to ensure environmental hygiene. The department will continue to maintain close liaison with the Centre for Health Protection. Staff have been reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and protective equipment, and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice as soon as possible if feeling unwell.