

Early closure of Tung Yick Market tomorrow for deep cleaning and disinfection

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (July 29) announced that in view of recent confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 found to be related to Tung Yick Market in Yuen Long, the market will be closed an hour earlier tomorrow at 7pm for deep cleaning and disinfection to safeguard the health and safety of market stall tenants and the public.

During the period, FEHD staff will thoroughly clean and disinfect communal areas and facilities in the market, and will call for the co-operation of market tenants to conduct cleaning and disinfection at their respective stalls, with a view to improving the market's overall hygienic condition. In addition, the FEHD will carry out deep cleaning work on the periphery of the market and nearby streets. The cleaning and disinfection work is expected to last about four hours.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "The FEHD attaches importance to the hygienic condition of public markets. In addition to regular cleaning work in the daytime, market service contractors also conduct thorough cleaning in all markets after the markets are closed every day.

"During this epidemic period, the FEHD has already stepped up cleaning and disinfection of communal areas and facilities in the markets, including toilets, escalators, elevators and stair handrails with diluted household bleach regularly every day. Disinfectant hand sanitisers are also provided in the markets for public use."

The FEHD will continue to closely monitor the situation of its markets, and will conduct deep cleaning and disinfection work in other markets if necessary so as to maintain environmental hygiene.