

FEHD health inspectors and workmen tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (February 6) said that two health inspectors and three workmen have tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

One of the health inspectors concerned works at FEHD's office in Tin Shui Wai and is responsible for pest control work in the district. She last performed duties on January 28. Her residence was included in a compulsory testing notice and thus got tested.

The other health inspector concerned works at FEHD's office in Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse and is responsible for meat inspection. He last performed duties on February 4. He had visited a restaurant which was included in a compulsory testing notice and thus got tested.

One of the workmen concerned is stationed at Mong Kok Road Refuse Collection Point and Yu Chau Street Refuse Collection Point, and is responsible for cleansing work. She last performed duties on January 29. She had symptoms and got tested. The other workman concerned works at the same district, and is responsible for cleansing work in Mong Kok District. She last performed duties on February 4 and got tested on a voluntary basis because of the situation at her area of residence.

The other workman concerned works at FEHD's office at San Shing Avenue, Sheung Shui, and is responsible for cleansing work. She last performed duties on February 1. Her family member was a close contact and she was thus sent to the Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre on February 4 for quarantine.

The above-mentioned staff members wore masks and followed relevant disease prevention measures at work. The FEHD has conducted cleaning and disinfection at the relevant working places and in the vicinity in accordance with the Centre of Health Protection (CHP)'s advice. The FEHD is arranging the co-workers of the staff members concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing. The FEHD will continue to maintain close communication with the CHP and will fully co-operate to trace the close contacts concerned. The FEHD will make arrangement on staff deployment if quarantine of related staff members is arranged in accordance with CHP's advice, so as to ensure that relevant services are not affected.

The FEHD has been strictly implementing disease prevention measures during the epidemic. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.