

FEHD investigates suspected contravention of anti-epidemic regulations in Wan Chai restaurant

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) says today (January 7) that the FEHD is conducting a full investigation into a banquet held earlier at a restaurant in Wan Chai.

Confirmed cases and preliminary positive cases of COVID-19 were detected subsequent to the banquet held at a restaurant in Wan Chai on January 3. A large number of attendees have to be quarantined, and their activities at the banquet have been widely reported. As preliminary information suggests that there might have been violations of anti-epidemic regulations at the banquet, the Centre for Health Protection has referred the case and relevant information to the FEHD for follow-up. The FEHD has immediately launched a full investigation.

The investigation, which covers the operator and staff members of the restaurant, as well as attendees of the banquet, aims to ascertain if anyone has breached the regulations, especially the directions under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), such as requirements regarding scanning of the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code, wearing of masks, etc.

The restaurant concerned holds a provisional general restaurant licence and is registered for Type D Mode of Operation.

In view of the epidemic situation, the FEHD has issued letters to operators of catering premises multiple times to remind them to strictly comply with the various anti-epidemic regulations and restrictions. The spokesman strongly appealed to these premises operators to remain vigilant, while members of the public also have to comply with the related regulations and directions on group gatherings and mask wearing at catering premises. The FEHD will step up inspection and enforcement, and take stringent enforcement action against persons acting in defiance of the legislation.