

Field assistant and arborist trainee of AFCD test positive for COVID-19

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) today (February 5) said that a field assistant, who works in Tai Lung Experimental Station in Sheung Shui, and an arborist trainee, who works at the Tung Chung Au Country Park Management Centre on Lantau Island, tested positive for COVID-19.

The field assistant mainly collects vegetable samples from farms in North District and Yuen Long for testing. He last went to work on January 31. The arborist trainee mainly performs tree management work and has no contact with the public in daily work. She last went to work on January 28. Both of the staff members wore surgical masks and observed relevant infection control measures when performing duties. They have no recent travel history.

The AFCD spokesman said that the department has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection at working areas and the public utilities according to the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

The AFCD is highly concerned about the COVID-19 epidemic and will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP. Staff are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.