

Food and Health Bureau organises briefing for personnel working in Community Isolation Facility hotels (with photo)

The Food and Health Bureau (FHB) today (February 20) organised an online briefing for dozens of members of the Security Bureau's anti-epidemic task force and hotel staff who will soon be involved in the operation of Community Isolation Facility (CIF) hotels. The briefing covered relevant workflow, with particular emphasis on infection control so as to ensure that staff members will operate the hotels in a safe manner.

The briefing was conducted by officers from the FHB's Office of the Designated Quarantine Hotel Scheme, who are responsible for infection control as well as operation and security. They took into account the actual circumstances of the CIF hotels and briefed staff members responsible for the day-to-day operations of the hotels on matters needing attention. Particularly on infection control, officers introduced the proper way to don and doff personal protective equipment and maintain environmental and personal hygiene, etc.

In response to the severe fifth wave of the COVID-19 epidemic, the Government has rented a number of suitable hotels as CIFs to accommodate confirmed cases with no or mild symptoms. Up till now, the first batch of four CIF hotels have commenced operation, providing about 1 700 rooms. FHB has already arranged training for the personnel of the four hotels. A number of CIF hotels will commence operation later this week, providing an additional 4 000 rooms.

FHB is in active discussion with a number of hotels and will race against time in increasing the provision of CIFs.

