

Four DH dental clinics closed for disinfection

The Department of Health (DH) today (February 24) said four of its dental clinics have to be closed for thorough cleaning and disinfection after staff members tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or tested positive through rapid antigen testing. Staff have contacted affected clients to reschedule their service appointments. Details of the service units to be closed are as follows:

Clinic	Closure date	Case involved
MacLehose Dental Centre 6/F	February 24	A dental surgery assistant who last performed duties on February 23
Tang Shiu Kin Dental Clinic	February 24	A clerical staff member who last performed duties on February 22
West Kowloon Government Offices Dental Clinic	February 24	A laboratory attendant who last performed duties on February 22
Ha Kwai Chung Government Dental Clinic	February 24	A workman who last performed duties on February 22

The above staff members wore appropriate personal protective equipment while performing duties.

The DH's Centre for Health Protection has initiated an epidemiological investigation. In view of the epidemic situation, the DH's clinics have stepped up infection control measures, including temperature screening for all visitors before clinic entry, conducting health declaration, limiting the number of accompanying carers and rescheduling the appointments of patients with higher transmission risk (e.g. persons subject to compulsory testing). During the epidemic, each service unit of the DH has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, which include providing employees with masks and other protective equipment, and stepping up the cleaning and sanitising measures of the clinics. All staff members are wearing masks at work and practising hand hygiene at all times. The DH is highly concerned about the COVID-19 situation and has reminded all staff again to maintain personal hygiene and be vigilant at all times. If feeling unwell, they should seek medical attention immediately.