

Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility commences operation

The Kai Tak Community Isolation Facility (CIF), managed by the Security Bureau (SB)'s anti-epidemic task force, commenced operation today (August 19). About 60 confirmed COVID-19 patients with no or mild symptoms had been admitted as at 6pm.

The numbers of daily new cases in Hong Kong remain high at four-digit figures and the occupancy rate of the Penny's Bay CIF has reached nearly 80 per cent, accommodating over 6 500 occupants currently. To provide additional quarantine units, the Government opened the Kai Tak CIF in support of the anti-epidemic work.

The Kai Tak CIF provides over 2 700 units in total including some large rooms formed by combining two or three units for use by big families, and accessible units for persons with disabilities. Both the Penny's Bay CIF and the Kai Tak CIF are managed by the SB's anti-epidemic task force, which comprises members of the SB and the Civil Aid Service, retirees of various disciplinary forces and Housekeeping Assistants employed on a non-civil service contract term basis. To enhance the services provided for the occupants, both the Penny's Bay CIF and the Kai Tak CIF adopt a small-district management approach to provide speedy services such as supplies delivery and manning of telephone hotlines. Designated personnel are also assigned to handle care hotlines and visits in respective zones in order to provide services in a people-oriented manner.

In addition to the Penny's Bay and Kai Tak CIFs, two community isolation hotels are also managed by the SB's anti-epidemic task force. The SB will, having regard to the utilisation of the CIFs, review the relevant management issues including enhancing manpower and supplies arrangements constantly to provide adequate support to the users.