<u>Latest arrangements for Department of</u> <u>Health public services</u>

In view of the latest epidemic situation of COVID-19, the Department of Health (DH) today (February 4) announced that the services under its Student Health Service (StdHS) and Elderly Health Service (EHS) will be adjusted starting next Monday (February 7) in order to deploy more manpower to support anti-epidemic work and meet operational needs.

Apart from the West Kowloon Government Offices Student Health Service Centre (SHSC) which was suspended earlier, seven other SHSCs (Yuen Long SHSC, Shek Wu Hui SHSC, Tai Po SHSC, South Kwai Chung SHSC, Kowloon Bay SHSC, Kowloon City Lions Clubs SHSC, and Tsz Wan Shan Wu York Yu SHSC) will also be suspended.

The remaining five SHSCs (Chai Wan SHSC, Lam Tin SHSC, Sha Tin SHSC, Tuen Mun SHSC, and Western SHSC) will remain open to provide mop-up vaccination and COVID-19 (CoronaVac) vaccination services, and Special Assessment Centre services for students who require further follow-ups. These include assessment services provided by clinical psychologists, dietitians, optometrists, audiologists and scoliosis-related services. The annual health assessment services will be suspended.

Separately, the operation days of Yau Ma Tei Elderly Health Centre (EHC), Tai Po EHC and Tuen Mun Wu Hong EHC will be scaled down to open one to two days each week to provide booked medical consultation, COVID-19 (CoronaVac) and seasonal influenza vaccination services to members. All other services will be suspended.

The other 15 EHCs (Sai Ying Pun EHC, Shau Kei Wan EHC, Aberdeen EHC, Wan Chai EHC, Kowloon City EHC, Lam Tin EHC, Nam Shan EHC, San Po Kong EHC, Tung Chung EHC, Kwai Shing EHC, Shek Wu Hui EHC, Tseung Kwan O EHC, Lek Yuen EHC, Tsuen Wan EHC and Yuen Long EHC) will continue to provide walk-in vaccination with the CoronaVac vaccine and seasonal influenza vaccination service for all persons aged 65 or above. The booked medical consultation services for members will also be provided, whereas other services will be suspended.

For enquiries, please contact the centres concerned during service hours. Details are also available at www.studenthealth.gov.hk/eindex.html (StdHS) and www.elderly.gov.hk/eindex.html (EHS).