

Latest preventive measures for COVID-19 by LegCo Secretariat

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19 epidemic in Hong Kong, the Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat announced today (April 29) that all Secretariat staff will resume normal work next Monday (May 4) while flexible working hours and lunch hours will be implemented in order to maintain social distancing. The services of the Public Complaints Office will be resumed. The Library and Archives will also be reopened and the public may visit them by appointments.

Starting from May 4, Members' Entrance 2 and the Footbridge Entrance of the LegCo Complex will be open between 7am and 8pm from Monday to Friday, or 30 minutes after the end of the last meeting of the day (whichever is later).

Meanwhile, the Secretariat will continue to implement the following disease prevention measures and special arrangements:

(1) all persons who are subject to compulsory quarantine will be denied entry into the Complex. All Secretariat staff, others who work at the Complex and visitors who have had close contact with initially confirmed cases and confirmed cases of COVID-19 or persons who are subject to compulsory quarantine, will also be denied entry into the Complex;

(2) all persons entering the Complex (including Members, public officers, Members' visitors, Members' staff, Secretariat staff, contractors' staff, media representatives as well as persons who attend or observe meetings etc.) will be subject to body temperature screening. The Secretariat may deny entry to the Complex of any persons who refuse to undergo body temperature screening or whose body temperature is higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius;

(3) a maximum of five members of the public will be admitted to observe each of the LegCo and its committee meeting;

(4) the Complex will be closed from 8pm each day to 7am the following day. All Complex users must leave by 8pm; and

(5) Public Entrance 2 of the LegCo Complex will be open between 7am and 8pm from Monday to Sunday, or 30 minutes after the end of the last meeting of the day (whichever is later).

For details of the special arrangements for the Secretariat, please refer to the announcement on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk/general/english/sec/corg_ser/whats_on_20200504-e.pdf).

The Secretariat will review the aforementioned measures in accordance with the development of the epidemic and make further announcements in due course.