

Nurse at DH's Ma On Shan Maternal and Child Health Centre tests preliminarily positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus

The Department of Health (DH) today (February 10) said that a nurse who works at its Ma On Shan Maternal and Child Health Centre (MCHC) has tested preliminarily positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

The nurse received COVID-19 testing on February 7 after her family member tested indeterminate for the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Her sample tested preliminarily positive and she developed a fever on February 8.

The nurse last performed duties on February 4 and she wore appropriate personal protective equipment while performing duties. The CHP's epidemiological investigation is ongoing. The MCHC is closed today for thorough cleaning and disinfection. Affected clients have been contacted to reschedule their service appointments. The MCHC will open as usual tomorrow.â€‹

In view of the current epidemic situation, the MCHCs have stepped up infection control measures, including temperature screening before clinic entry and limiting the number of accompanying carers, etc. At present, all MCHC 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 remain vigilant at all times. If feeling unwell, they should seek medical attention immediately.