

Part-time Fraud Detection Adviser of SWD tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

â€‹The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (February 6) said that a part-time Fraud Detection Adviser under the Social Security Branch has tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The staff member worked on the third floor of the Trade and Industry Tower and last performed duties on February 4. He had no contact with members of the public on that day. He had been wearing a mask when performing duties. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection will be arranged at the premise concerned. All SWD staff of the same floor will undergo COVID-19 testing according to the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health and work from home while waiting for the results. The SWD will maintain close contact with the CHP to take follow-up action as appropriate. The SWD offices on the third floor of the Trade and Industry Tower will be closed tomorrow (February 7).

During the pandemic, the department has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of people entering the office and providing masks and other personal protective equipment for staff. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.