

Person who visited fourth floor of Revenue Tower in Wan Chai tested positive for COVID-19

The Inland Revenue Department today (January 27) said the department was notified by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) today that a person who visited the Business Registration Office (BRO) on the fourth floor of Revenue Tower in Wan Chai on January 17 had tested positive for COVID-19.

The department has completed thorough cleaning and sterilisation at the fourth floor of Revenue Tower in accordance with the CHP's advice, and will arrange for staff of the BRO to undergo COVID-19 testing.

In view that a number of staff are required to undergo COVID-19 testing, the BRO will only be able to provide limited services on January 28, January 31 and February 4 from 9am to noon and from 1.30pm to 4pm. The following services will be suspended during these three days:

1. Instant services for new application and amendment of the business registration (BR) particulars;
2. Payment service;
3. Public search services in respect of application for BR documents and delivery of BR documents over the counter.

No same-day tickets will be distributed on the above three days. Members of the public who have made prior appointments through the online appointment booking system will still be served at the counters but they should be prepared to experience a longer waiting time. They may change the appointment online if they consider necessary. Those who have not made prior appointment will not be served.

Members of the public are requested to submit documents to the BRO by post or through the BRO Drop-in Boxes on G/F and at Central Enquiry Counter on 1/F of the Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong. The department also encourages the public to use the BR electronic services at GovHK (www.gov.hk/en/business/registration/businesscompany/index.htm) to handle their BR affairs and make payment of the BR fee and levy by electronic means, such as by PPS, bank Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) or via internet, by post, at post offices or convenience stores.

For enquiries on the above temporary arrangements, please call the department's enquiry hotline 187 8088 from 9am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 4pm.

During the situation of COVID-19 infection, the department has been strictly implementing disease prevention measures. The department will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP, actively co-operate with

CHP's quarantine arrangements and remind its staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and stay vigilant.