

Preliminary positive cases of COVID-19 at Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre and Tong Fuk Correctional Institution

The Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre (LCKRC) of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) today (February 8) learned that a person in custody has preliminarily tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The 55-year-old male person in custody was remanded in LCKRC on February 4 for the offence of possession of dangerous drugs. The institution management had arranged COVID-19 testing for him and was notified today by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) that he had preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

The person in custody had all along been wearing a surgical mask and underwent temperature screening since admission.

Besides, a Technical Instructor of the Tong Fuk Correctional Institution was notified by the CHP that he had preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member last performed duties on February 4. On February 6, he went to an Accident and Emergency Department for treatment due to physical discomfort and was arranged to undergo COVID-19 testing on the same day. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening at work and he did not have any symptoms.

The CSD immediately activated the contingency plans and arranged COVID-19 testing for the staff members and persons in custody of the two institutions. The CSD also liaised with the CHP and followed the advice given.

The CSD is highly concerned about the COVID-19 epidemic and has remained highly vigilant. Relevant hygienic measures for prevention of infectious diseases have been strictly implemented in accordance with the established mechanism. In addition, a series of disease prevention and disinfection measures have been put in place, including requiring staff members to check body temperatures and wear masks before and when performing duties, and conducting cleaning and disinfection regularly at all working locations in the institutions. All staff members and persons in custody are also reminded by the management to have a medical consultation promptly if they have any symptoms.