

Service arrangements of DH's elderly health centres and social hygiene clinics

In view of the development of the COVID-19 epidemic situation, the Department of Health (DH) today (November 30) announced that services under elderly health centres and social hygiene clinics of the DH will be gradually adjusted in order to deploy more healthcare manpower to support anti-epidemic work and meet operational needs.

Starting from tomorrow (December 1), services and opening hours of all 18 elderly health centres will be gradually adjusted. All elderly health centres will provide services three days a week and will only provide booked healthcare services and seasonal influenza vaccination service for members. Seasonal influenza vaccination services for non-members will still be maintained at 15 centres, details of which can be found on the following website: www.elderly.gov.hk/eindex.html. The staff of the centres will make further arrangements for affected users with prior appointments.

Separately, the sexually transmitted diseases service of Wan Chai Female Social Hygiene Clinic and Wan Chai Male Social Hygiene Clinic will be suspended starting tomorrow. Patients in need could attend other social hygiene clinics. The DH will also make separate arrangements for affected users with prior appointments.

Please visit the following websites for the information on social hygiene clinics:

Male: www.dh.gov.hk/english/tele/tele_chc/tele_chc_shcm.html; and

Female: www.dh.gov.hk/english/tele/tele_chc/tele_chc_shcf.html.

Meanwhile, the DH will continue to implement stringent infection control measures at service units, of which, all clients with appointments and visitors must put on surgical masks and have their body temperature checked.

In addition, in order to enhance infection control measures including minimising flows of people and social contacts, the DH has advised that family members and friends should avoid accompanying clients to visit the Maternal and Child Health Centres (MCHCs)/Child Assessment Service (CAS) or other clinics/facilities unless there are special reasons to do so. The DH also advised that:

- No more than two parents may accompany a baby aged six months old or below to the MCHCs/CAS; and
- No more than one parent/relative/friend may accompany the service user to clinics/facilities.