

Seven Hongkong Post staff members and driver of contractor test preliminarily positive for COVID-19

Hongkong Post said today (February 17) that a postal officer, a senior postman, five postmen and a driver of its contractor have tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The postal officer has attended duties at Cheung Sha Wan Post Office, Kwong Wah Street Post Office and Tai Kok Tsui Post Office. He last performed duties on February 14. The senior postman works at Wah Ming Post Office and last performed duties on February 12. Both work at the counter behind a partition to keep an appropriate social distance from customers. Among the five postmen, four are at Cheung Sha Wan Delivery Office (CSW/DO) and responsible for delivery work in parts of Un Chau Estate, Un Chau Shopping Centre, Pei Ho Street, Ki Lung Street, Hai Tan Street, Castle Peak Road, Kweilin Street and Fuk Wing Street in Cheung Sha Wan. They last performed duties on February 16 to 17. The other postman is at Tsuen Wan Delivery Office (TSW/DO) and responsible for delivery work in parts of Cheung Tat Road in Tsing Yi. He last performed duties on February 17. Both CSW/DO and TSW/DO are not open to the public. As regards the driver of Hongkong Post's contractor, he works for TSW/DO and last performed duties on February 16. He was not required to handle mail items or performed any delivery duties. The above-mentioned staff members and the driver underwent temperature screening when attending work and their body temperature was normal. They were wearing masks while on duty.

Upon notification of the cases today, Hongkong Post immediately arranged for the co-workers of the above-mentioned staff members and the driver concerned to undergo COVID-19 testing and thorough cleaning and disinfection of all the facilities and mail items of the premises pursuant to the guidelines set out by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH).

In respect of the case of CSW/DO and TSW/DO, Hongkong Post has put up notices at the premises that the postmen concerned had visited for delivery to notify the public of the situation. Mail delivery and iPostal Station services for the Cheung Sha Wan district (including Sham Shui Po, Shek Kip Mei, Cheung Sha Wan, Lai Chi Kok, Mei Foo and Nam Cheong) and Tsuen Wan district (including Tsuen Wan, Tsing Yi, Sham Tseng, Ting Kau and Tsing Lung Tau) will be delayed.

Besides, Cheung Sha Wan Post Office (including its Post Office Box Lobby and iPostal Station), Kwong Wah Street Post Office, Tai Kok Tsui Post Office and Wah Ming Post Office (including iPostal Station) are closed until February 19. Members of the public can access postal services at Sham Shui Po Post Office (55 Un Chau Street), Kowloon Central Post Office (Kowloon Government Offices, 405 Nathan Road), Mong Kok Post Office (1/F, Mongkok

Exchange, 37 Bute Street) and Fanling Post Office (North District Government Offices Building, 3 Pik Fung Road). As the above-mentioned post offices will be closed on the date of issue (February 18) of the special stamps on the theme of "Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Development", members of the public may place their orders on Hongkong Post's online shopping mall "ShopThruPost" (shopthrupost.hongkongpost.hk) or visit other post offices for purchase of the new stamp products. Customers may also use the collection points at other post offices for the date-stamping service of the official first day covers/souvenir covers/private covers. Hongkong Post apologises for the inconvenience caused by the cases. For enquiries, members of the public may call the Hongkong Post enquiry hotline at 2921 2222.

Hongkong Post will continue to implement measures for social distancing and infection control at all postal facilities to safeguard the health of staff and the public, and maintain close liaison with the CHP of the DH. Staff members are also reminded to take note of their personal hygiene and stay vigilant at all times, and are advised to seek medical advice immediately in case of feeling unwell.