

Several SWD offices temporarily closed

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (February 18) said that several offices will be temporarily closed until further notice due to the occurrences of preliminary positive and suspected cases of COVID-19 respectively. The details are set out as below:

	Office	Address	Case
1	Aberdeen Integrated Family Service Centre	Unit 2, G/F, Pik Long House, Shek Pai Wan Estate, Aberdeen	Preliminary positive
2	Old Age Living Allowance Centralised Team	10/F, Skyline Tower, 39 Wang Kwong Road, Kowloon Bay	Preliminary positive
3	Shek Kip Mei Social Security Field Unit	6/F, Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block, 100 Woh Chai Street, Shek Kip Mei	Preliminary positive
4	Cheung Sha Wan Integrated Family Service Centre	2/F, Cheung Sha Wan Community Centre, 55 Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan	Suspected case
5	Causeway Bay Social Security Field Unit	12/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point	Suspected case

The preliminary positive case found in the Aberdeen Integrated Family Service Centre is related to an Assistant Social Work Officer, who last performed duties yesterday (February 17). The preliminary positive case in the Old Age Living Allowance Centralised Team is related to a Clerical Assistant, who last performed duties on February 15, while the preliminary positive case in the Shek Kip Mei Social Security Field Unit is related to a Workman II who last performed duties on February 16. They had been wearing masks when performing duties. Their body temperatures were normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

A thorough cleaning and disinfection has been arranged at the premises concerned. All SWD staff of the same floor will undergo COVID-19 testing and work from home while waiting for the results. For enquiries, members of the public may call the following service units during office hours:

- (1) Aberdeen Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2875 8685);
- (2) Old Age Living Allowance Centralised Team (Tel: 3595 0130);
- (3) Shek Kip Mei Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2776 3443);
- (4) Cheung Sha Wan Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2360 1364); and
- (5) Causeway Bay Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2562 4788).

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.