

Several SWD offices temporarily closed

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (February 21) said that several offices will be temporarily closed until further notice due to the occurrences of positive, preliminary positive and suspected cases of COVID-19 respectively. The details are set out as below:

	Office	Address	Case
1	Chai Wan Social Security Field Unit	Level 3, Government Offices, New Jade Garden, 233 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan	Positive
2	Ma On Shan (North) Integrated Family Service Centre	Wings A and B, G/F, Yiu Yan House, Yiu On Estate, Ma On Shan, Sha Tin	Positive
3	Tsing Yi (South) Integrated Family Service Centre	G/F, Wing A, Hong Mei House, Cheung Hong Estate, Tsing Yi	Positive
4	Fanling Integrated Family Service Centre	Room 217, 2/F, North District Government Offices Building, 3 Pik Fung Road, Fanling	Preliminary positive
5	To Kwa Wan Integrated Family Service Centre	Room 903, 9/F, To Kwa Wan Government Offices, 165 Mau Tai Wai Road, To Kwa Wan	Preliminary positive
6	Tai Po (South) Social Security Field Unit	4/F, Tai Po Complex, 8 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po Market	Suspected

On the positive cases, the case found in the Chai Wan Social Security Field Unit is related to a Social Security Assistant, who last performed duties on February 18. The one in the Ma On Shan (North) Integrated Family Service Centre is related to a Workman II, who last performed duties on February 16, while the case found in the Tsing Yi (South) Integrated Family Service Centre is related to a Social Work Assistant, who last performed duties on February 16.

On the preliminary positive cases, the case found in the Fanling Integrated Family Service Centre is related to an Assistant Clerical Officer, who last performed duties on February 17, while the case found in the To Kwa Wan Integrated Family Service Centre is related to a Part-time Contract Welfare Support and Liaison Assistant, 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 staff 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. Chai Wan Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2557 7868);
2. Ma On Shan (North) Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2691 6499);
3. Tsing Yi (South) Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2435 0852);
4. Fanling Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2675 1614);
5. To Kwa Wan Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2363 8202) ; and
6. Tai Po (South) Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 3183 9302).

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.