

## Several SWD offices temporarily closed

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (February 16) 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	Kwun Tong Social Security Field Unit	15/F, Elite Centre, 22 Hung To Road, Kwun Tong	Positive
2	Tsz Wan Shan Social Security Field Unit	1/F, Lung Cheung Office Block, 138 Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin	Preliminary positive
3	Kowloon City Social Security Field Unit (Note)	2/F, Chung Hwa Plaza, 5B-5F Ma Hang Chung Road, To Kwa Wan	Preliminary positive
4	Sham Shui Po Social Security Field Unit	13/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Sham Shui Po	Suspected case

Note: Ma Tau Wai Integrated Family Service Centre and Kai Tak Integrated Family Service Centre, which are on the same floor, will also be temporarily closed.

The positive case found in the Kwun Tong Social Security Field Unit is related to a Social Security Assistant, who last performed duties on February 11. The preliminary positive case in the Tsz Wan Shan Social Security Field Unit is related to a Workman II, who last performed duties on February 14, while the preliminary positive case in the Kowloon City Social Security Field Unit is related to a Senior Social Security Assistant who last performed duties on February 10. 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) Kwun Tong Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2775 1158);
- (2) Tsz Wan Shan Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2327 5083);
- (3) Kowloon City Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2760 1679);
- (4) Ma Tau Wai Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 2760 1347);
- (5) Kai Tak Integrated Family Service Centre (Tel: 3997 3931); and
- (6) Sham Shui Po Social Security Field Unit (Tel: 2725 5658).

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.