

Special arrangements for SWD and its subsidised service units in view of epidemic situation

In light of the developments of the epidemic situation, the Government has announced that social distancing measures will be extended until February 3.

A spokesperson for the Social Welfare Department (SWD) said today (January 14) that the services provided by the SWD and its subsidised service units will be maintained. However, various kinds of group activities, including interest classes and talks, and mass programmes in all service units will be suspended during the implementation period of the social distancing measures. Service units may consider conducting activities online.

Meanwhile, except for visits for official or compassionate reasons, all visiting arrangements for residential care homes for the elderly and residential care homes for persons with disabilities will be suspended.

For enquiries, members of the public may call the SWD's hotline at 2343 2255 or contact the related service units.

All service units will also strengthen infection control measures. Staff are reminded to follow necessary infection control measures. All visitors must put on masks, have their body temperature checked and maintain social distancing.