

SWD staff member tests positive for COVID-19

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (February 10) said that a staff member of the Medical Social Services Unit of the East Kowloon Psychiatric Centre has tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member last performed duties on February 4. She had been wearing a mask when performing duties. Her body temperature was 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. The SWD will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health to take follow-up action as appropriate. The Medical Social Services Unit of the East Kowloon Psychiatric Centre at Phase II, 1/F, East Kowloon Polyclinic in Diamond Hill will be closed temporarily. Reopening arrangements will be announced later.

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.