

Special traffic arrangements during Lunar New Year

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in various districts to facilitate the public to celebrate the festive season.

Hong Kong Island

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented by phases on February 9, until the roads are safe for re-opening:

A. Roads closure

The following roads will be closed:

From 8am onwards:

- Electric Road between Lau Li Street and Hing Fat Street, except for vehicles accessing to Park Towers car park;
- Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street, except for franchised buses and green minibuses (GMBs);
- Lau Li Street between Hing Fat Street and Ngan Mok Street; and
- Part of the traffic lanes of Electric Road between Gordon Road and Yacht Street.

From 4pm onwards:

- Sugar Street; and
- Northbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and Great George Street.

From 5pm onwards:

- Cleveland Street;
- Paterson Street;
- Kingston Street;
- Great George Street between Paterson Street and Gloucester Road; and
- Jardine's Bazaar.

From 7pm onwards, except for franchised buses, GMBs and trams:

- Eastbound Hennessy Road between Percival Street and East Point Road;
- Yee Wo Street;
- The leftmost lane of Pennington Street between Irving Street and Yee Wo Street;
- Eastbound Causeway Road between King's Road and Moreton Terrace;
- Westbound Hennessy Road between Jardine's Bazaar and Percival Street; and
- Irving Street.

From 8pm onwards:

- Lockhart Road east of Percival Street;
- Jaffe Road east of Percival Street;
- Cannon Street; and
- Shelter Street.

From 9pm onwards:

- The leftmost lane of westbound Causeway Road between King’s Road (near Queen’s College) and Tung Lo Wan Road (near St. Paul’s Convent School);
- Southbound Gloucester Road between the down ramp of Victoria Park Road Flyover and Causeway Road;
- Southbound Tai Hang Road Flyover;
- Northbound Causeway Bay Flyover; and
- Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street, except for franchised buses and GMBs.

B. Traffic diversions

In connection with the road closure as mentioned above, the following traffic diversions will be implemented:

From 5pm onwards:

Lau Li Street between Electric Road and Hing Fat Street will be re-routed one-way westbound and closed to public light buses.

From 9pm onwards:

- Vehicles heading for southbound Tai Hang Road Flyover will be diverted to eastbound Victoria Park Road, Wing Hing Street and King’s Road; and
- Vehicles heading for northbound Tai Hang Road Flyover to Central will be diverted to Tung Lo Wan Road, Moreton Terrace and Leighton Road.

C. Pedestrian precincts

The following road section will be designated as pedestrian precinct from 4pm on February 9 to 7am of the following day:

- Lockhart Road east of Cannon Street;
- East Point Road; and
- Great George Street west of Paterson Street.

D. Prohibition to learner drivers

Learner drivers cannot use the following roads from 4pm on February 9 to 8am of the following day:

- Leighton Road;
- Tin Lok Lane;
- Caroline Hill Road;
- Eastern Hospital Road;
- Tai Hang Road north of Lai Tak Tsuen Road;
- Tung Lo Wan Road;

- Electric Road south of Gordon Road;
- Morrison Hill Road north of Queen’s Road East;
- Hennessy Road;
- Yee Wo Street;
- Causeway Road;
- King’s Road;
- Gloucester Road Service Road;
- Hing Fat Street;
- Westbound Tin Hau Temple Road west of Cloud View Road; and
- Eastbound Wan Chai Road.

E. Suspension of parking spaces and car parks

All on-street parking spaces on the following roads will be suspended from 2pm on February 9 to 8am of the following day:

- Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street;
- Lau Li Street between Hing Fat Street and Ngan Mok Street;
- Electric Road between Gordon Street and Yacht Street;
- Tung Lo Wan Road;
- Lockhart Road between Canal Road East and Cannon Street; and
- Jaffe Road between Canal Road East and Cannon Street.

All parking spaces at Hing Fat Street Public Car Park will be suspended from 8am on February 9 to 8am of the following day, except for disabled parking spaces.

During the road closure period, all vehicles will not be permitted to enter or leave the car parks at the above closed area, until the roads are safe for re-opening.

F. Suspension of Tin Hau Public Transport Interchange

Tin Hau Station Public Transport Interchange will be suspended from 6pm on February 9.

Kowloon

(1) Wong Tai Sin Morse Park

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from 5pm on February 9 to 7am of the following day:

A. Road closure

- The eastern egress of Ching Tak Street public light bus and taxi stands near Wong Tai Sin Government Primary School will be closed. Vehicles will be required to use the western egress and turn left to westbound Ching Tak Street for leaving; and
- Depending on traffic conditions, Ching Tak Street between Lung Cheung Road and Tung Tau Tsuen Road may be closed, vehicles will be diverted to Shatin Pass Road or Junction Road.

B. Traffic Control

- The Police will implement no-stopping restriction in the vicinity of Morse Park No. 3 including Ching Tak Street, Tung Tau Tsuen Road, Shatin Pass Road, Fung Mo Street, Fu Mei Street, Wang Tau Hom East Road, Wang Tau Hom South Road and Wang Tau Hom Central Road; and
- Depending on traffic conditions, vehicles may be prohibited to turn left from westbound Lung Cheung Road to southbound Ching Tak Street and southbound Fung Mo Street, vehicles will be diverted to Lung Yin Road.

(2) Wong Tai Sin Temple

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from February 9 to February 26 to facilitate traffic and crowd control at Wong Tai Sin Temple during the Lunar New Year:

A. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 7am on February 9 to 00.01am on February 26:

- Shatin Pass Road between Lung Cheung Road and Fung Tak Road, except for GMBs and designated vehicles; and
- The unnamed road connecting Wong Tai Sin Temple and Wong Tai Sin Road, except for designated vehicles.

B. Traffic Control

All vehicles will be prohibited from parking or waiting at Wong Tai Sin Road (both directions) between Shatin Pass Road and Nga Chuk Street from 7am on February 9 to 00.01 am on February 26.

C. Suspension of Car Park

Wong Tai Sin Car Park will be suspended from 00.01am on February 9 to 11.59pm on February 13 and from 00.01am on February 23 to 11.59pm on February 25.

(3) Cheung Sha Wan

All metered parking spaces in Hang Cheung Street will be suspended from 8am on February 7 to 7am on February 10.

(4) Sham Shui Po

Depending on traffic and crowd conditions, the following special traffic arrangements will be implemented from 11am to noon on February 11:

A. Road closure

The following roads will be closed:

- Wong Chuk Street between Yu Chau Street and Cheung Sha Wan Road;

- Apliu Street between Nam Cheong Street and Wong Chuk Street;
- Southbound Nam Cheong Street between Cheung Sha Wan Road and Hai Tan Street;
- Hai Tan Street between Nam Cheong Street and Boundary Street;
- Boundary Street between Hai Tan Street and Yee Kuk Street;
- Yee Kuk Street between Boundary Street and Shek Kip Mei Street; and
- Shek Kip Mei Street between Yee Kuk Street and Apliu Street.

B. Traffic diversions

Vehicles heading for southbound Nam Cheong Street and southbound Shek Kip Mei Street will be diverted via southbound Yen Chow Street and eastbound Lai Chi Kok Road.

(5) Mong Kok Fa Hui Park

The following parking spaces will be suspended from 8am on February 8 to 8am on February 10:

- Metered parking spaces on Tong Yam Street (meter no. 9607 and 9608);
- All metered and motorcycle parking spaces on Duke Street between Embankment Road and Knight Street;
- All motorcycle parking spaces on Knight Street near its junction with Duke Street;
- Metered parking space on Belfran Road (meter no. 13413); and
- All metered parking spaces on Lincoln Road between Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

(6) Kwun Tong Recreation Ground

A. Road closure

Kai Lim Road will be closed from 8pm on February 7 to 4am of the following day, from 3pm on February 8 to 4am of the following day, and from 3pm on February 9 to 4am of the following day.

Fuk Ning Road and Fuk Tong Road will be closed from 3pm on February 8 to 4am of the following day and from 3pm on February 9 to 4am of the following day.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

The metered parking spaces, motorcycle parking spaces and disabled parking space on Kai Lim Road will be suspended from 8am on February 7 to 4am on February 10.

(7) Kwun Tong Hoi Bun Road

A. Suspension of pick-up/drop-off area

The general pick-up/drop-off area on westbound Hoi Bun Road near D J Building will be suspended from 10am to 10pm on February 11.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

The following parking spaces will be suspended from 10am to 10pm on February 11:

- The metered, motorcycle and disabled parking spaces on westbound Hoi Bun Road near Hoi Bun Road Park; and
- The metered parking spaces on westbound Hoi Bun Road near D J Building.

New Territories

(1) Tsuen Wan

A. Road closure

The following roads will be closed from 3pm to 5am of the following day daily on February 8 and February 9:

- Kai Hong Close;
- Kai Chi Close; and
- Hoi Pa Street between its junction with Lo Tak Court and Tai Ho Road.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

The motorcycle parking spaces at Kai Hong Close will be suspended from 3pm to 5am of the following day daily on February 8 and February 9.

(2) Sheung Shui

A. Pedestrian precincts

The following road sections will be designated as pedestrian precincts from 11am to 7pm daily on February 8 and February 9:

- San Kung Street; and
- San Hong Street between Tsun Fu Street and Fu Hing Street.

During the implementation of the pedestrian precincts, all vehicles will be prohibited from entering the above roads, except for vehicles with permit.

B. Road closure

To facilitate the Lunar New Year Fair at Shek Wu Hui in Sheung Shui, the following roads will be closed from 6pm on February 9 to 4am of the following day, except for vehicles with permit:

- San Lok Street, except for access to Pearl Vista;
- San Tsoi Street; and
- Fu Hing Street between San Hong Street and San Tsoi Street.

C. Suspension of parking spaces

- The metered parking spaces (meter no. 25343A/B, 25342 A/B, 25341A and

25344B) at San Hong Street will be suspended from 11am to 7pm daily on February 8 and February 9; and

– The motorcycle parking spaces on San Lok Street will be suspended from 6pm on February 9 to 4am of the following day.

(3) Tuen Mun

A. Road closure

The following roads will be intermittently closed from 6pm to 3am of the following day on February 8 and 6pm to 7am of the following day on February 9, except for vehicles with permit:

- Tin Hau Road;
- San Hop Lane;
- Hung Cheung Road from its junction with Tin Hau Road to its southern junction with San Ping Circuit;
- Southbound Hung Cheung Road between its northern and southern junction with San Ping Circuit;
- San On Street from its southern junction with Hung Cheung Road to a point about 50 metres north of the same junction; and
- Hing Wong Street from its junction with Hung Cheung Road to a point about 50 metres north of the same junction.

B. Cycle tracks closure

The cycle track along the western riverside of Tuen Mun River Channel between Pui To Road and Yau Oi Bridge will be closed from 6pm to 3am of the following day on February 8 and 6pm to 7am of the following day on February 9.

C. Traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be intermittently implemented from 6pm to 3am of the following day on February 8 and 6pm to 7am of the following day on February 9, except for vehicles with permit:

- Traffic along Yip Wong Road cannot turn to northbound Tin Hau Road;
- Traffic along southbound Tin Hau Road cannot turn to Hung Cheung Road; and
- Hung Cheung Road between its northern and southern junction with San Ping Circuit will be re-routed one-way northbound.

D. Suspension parking spaces

The overnight on-street parking spaces on the following roads will be suspended from 8pm to 3am of the following day on February 8 and 8pm to 7am of the following day on February 9, except for vehicles with permit:

- Tin Hau Road; and
- Hung Cheung Road from its junction with Tin Hau Road to its southern junction with San Ping Circuit.

(4) Kwai Tsing

The metered parking spaces and disabled parking spaces at Ko Fong Street will be suspended from 2pm on February 8 to 8am on February 10.

(5) Tai Po

The cycle track on Ting Kok Road between Ting Tai Road and On Chee Road will be closed from 6pm on February 9 to 6am on February 10.

(6) Sha Tin

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 6pm on February 8 to 3am of the following day and 6pm on February 9 to 5am of the following day, except for vehicles with permit:

- Fung Shun Street between Wo Che Street and Tak Hau Street will be re-routed one-way northbound, vehicles will be diverted via eastbound Tak Hau Street, southbound Yuen Wo Road and westbound Wo Che Street; and
- Traffic along Tak Hau Street cannot go straight to Sha Tin Sports Ground Carpark.

(7) Tseung Kwan O

The parking spaces on Wan Lung Road will be suspended from 7am on February 8 to 7am on February 10.

(8) Land Crossings

24-hour passenger clearance service at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point will be provided from 6.30am on February 9 to midnight on February 14.

The following special land crossing arrangements will be implemented from midnight on February 10 to 6.30am on February 14:

- Only cross-boundary private cars issued with permits for the Lok Ma Chau/Huanggang Control Point are allowed to cross the Lok Ma Chau/Huanggang Control Point; and
- Cross-boundary private cars issued with permits for the Control Points of Lok Ma Chau/Huanggang, Shenzhen Bay, Man Kam To and Sha Tau Kok can use the Shenzhen Bay Port.

Police will continue traffic enforcement action during the Lunar New Year period. All vehicles parked illegally during the implementation of the above special traffic arrangements will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

CHP investigates case of invasive meningococcal infection

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (February 8) investigating a case of invasive meningococcal infection, a communicable disease transmitted by direct contact with droplets from carriers or infected persons.

The case involves a 76-year-old male with underlying diseases, who presented with fever and malaise since February 6. He visited North Lantau Hospital on the same day and was admitted to Princess Margaret Hospital for treatment. His clinical diagnosis was meningococcaemia. The patient is now in stable condition. His blood sample tested positive for *Neisseria meningitidis* upon laboratory testing.

Initial enquiries revealed that the patient had no travel history during the incubation period. His household contacts have remained asymptomatic so far. The CHP's investigation is continuing.

"Meningococcal infection is caused by a bacterium known as meningococcus. It is mainly transmitted by direct contact through respiratory secretions, including droplets from the nose and throat, from infected persons. The incubation period varies from two to 10 days, and is commonly three or four days," a spokesman for the CHP said.

The clinical pictures among the infected may vary. Severe illness may result when the bacteria invade the bloodstream (meningococcaemia) or the membranes that envelop the brain and spinal cord (meningococcal meningitis).

Meningococcaemia is characterised by a sudden onset of fever, intense headache, purpura, shock and even death in severe cases. Meningococcal meningitis is characterised by high fever, severe headache and a stiff neck followed by drowsiness, vomiting, fear of bright light, or a rash. It can cause brain damage or even death. The brain damage may lead to intellectual impairment, mental retardation, hearing loss and electrolyte imbalance. Invasive meningococcal infection can be complicated by arthritis, inflammation of the heart muscle, inflammation of the posterior chamber of the eye or chest infection.

Meningococcal infection is a serious illness. Patients should be treated promptly with antibiotics.

To prevent meningococcal infection, members of the public are advised to take heed of the following measures:

- Wash hands with liquid soap and water properly, especially when they

- are dirtied by respiratory secretions, e.g. after sneezing, and clean hands with alcohol-based handrub when they are not visibly soiled;
- Cover the nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing, hold the spit with a tissue, dispose of nasal and mouth discharge in a lidded rubbish bin, and wash hands immediately;
 - Avoid crowded places;
 - Avoid close contact with patients who have a fever or severe headache;
 - Travellers to high-risk areas may consult doctors for meningococcal vaccination; and
 - Travellers returning from high-risk areas should seek medical advice if they become ill, and should discuss their recent travel history with their doctor.

The public may visit the CHP's [website](#) for more information on meningococcal infection.

Cluster of Influenza A cases at Kowloon Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Kowloon Hospital (KH) made the following announcement today (February 8):

Nine patients (aged 64 to 92) in a male rehabilitation ward have presented with respiratory symptoms since February 3. Appropriate viral tests were arranged for the patients and their test results were positive to Influenza A. Two patients are currently hospitalised at United Christian Hospital and Queen Elizabeth Hospital respectively for other medical needs, and the remaining seven patients are being treated in isolation in KH. All the patients are in stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been enhanced according to established guidelines. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the conditions of the patients in the ward concerned.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

HKMA publishes Report on Loss-Absorbing Capacity Requirements Implementation in Hong Kong

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) published today (February 8) the Report on Loss-Absorbing Capacity Requirements Implementation in Hong Kong. This report provides an overview of the loss-absorbing capacity (LAC) requirements implementation programme in Hong Kong, outlines the progress made and summarises the HKMA's observations and related policy expectations.

LAC refers to financial resources of a financial institution (FI) which can be used to absorb losses and support recapitalisation in the event the FI becomes likely to fail. The availability of sufficient LAC is crucial for stabilising a failing FI and restoring it to viability in an orderly resolution (Note 1), thereby mitigating risks posed to financial stability. By allowing losses to be imposed on shareholders and LAC debt instruments holders, LAC serves as a disincentive to excessive risk-taking by an FI and protects public money.

To ensure adequate LAC resources for resolution purposes, the HKMA introduced the Financial Institutions (Resolution) (Loss-absorbing Capacity Requirements-Banking Sector) Rules (LAC Rules), which commenced operation on December 14, 2018. Over the past five years, the HKMA has been working closely with relevant authorized institutions (AIs), including all domestic systemically important AIs, to build up a layer of LAC resources as part of the resolution planning process (Note 2).

This report covers the LAC positions of AIs, issuances and features of LAC debt instruments, approaches to ensuring compliance with LAC Rules requirements, the interaction between LAC requirements and the capital regime, and other matters pertinent to the implementation.

The Chief Executive of the HKMA, Mr Eddie Yue, said, "Establishing sufficient LAC resources is an important aspect in enhancing the resolvability of banks and strengthening the resilience of the Hong Kong's banking system. We are delighted to share some of the key developments and milestones achieved. As part of our ongoing resolution planning process, the HKMA will continue to work closely with relevant banks on their build-up and maintenance of LAC resources in a prudent and proportionate manner, taking into account international experiences, as well as evolving economic and market conditions."

The [report](#) is available on the HKMA website.

Note 1: Resolution is a process to manage the potential failure of an FI in an orderly manner, with the purpose of maintaining the stability and

effective working of the financial system, while seeking to protect public money. The Financial Institutions (Resolution) Ordinance (FIRO), which came into effect on July 7, 2017, establishes the legal basis for a cross-sectoral resolution regime in Hong Kong. Under the FIRO, the Monetary Authority is the resolution authority for banking sector entities which include all AIs.

Note 2: In order for resolution to be feasible and credible, FIs need to be organised and managed at all times in a way that facilitates the effective use of powers by the resolution authorities in the event of a potential failure. To this end, the HKMA sets resolution standards and conducts resolution planning for individual AIs well in advance of any actual distress. Through the resolution planning process, the HKMA works with relevant AIs to implement necessary changes to their legal structures, business operations and/or financial resources in order to enhance their resolvability.

Principal Officials of HKSAR Government continue year-end caring visits in 18 districts

The year-end caring visits in 18 districts co-ordinated by the Home Affairs Department continued today (February 8). Principal Officials (POs) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government continued to tour various districts today, including Yau Tsim Mong, Wan Chai, Southern, Central and Western, Kwai Tsing, Sai Kung, Sha Tin and Tai Po Districts, to visit grassroots families to distribute blessing bags in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Yau Tsim Mong), Mr Edward Yu, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, and the Permanent Secretary for Home and Youth Affairs, Ms Shirley Lam, together with a Yau Tsim Mong District Council member and a representative from the District Services and Community Care Team (Care Team) (Yau Tsim Mong) visited Indian and Bangladesh families living in Tsim Sha Tsui to learn about their daily lives and needs in Hong Kong. Chinese New Year fruits were presented on behalf of the HKSAR Government to demonstrate care, and share the festive joy with citizens.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Wan Chai), Miss Fanny Cheung, the Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, together with Wan Chai District Council members and representatives from the Care Team (Wan Chai) visited elderly people and grassroots families living in Lai Tak Tsuen, Tai Hang. Accompanied by the District Officer (Southern), Mr Francis Cheng, the Deputy Financial Secretary, Mr Michael Wong, together with a Southern

District Council member and a representative from the Care Team (Southern) visited a singleton elderly person and an elderly couple living in Shek Pai Wan Estate, Southern District. Accompanied by the District Officer (Central and Western), Mr David Leung, the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, together with Central and Western District Council members and representatives from the Care Team (Central and Western) visited elderly families living in Central and Western District. Accompanied by the District Officer (Kwai Tsing), Mr Huggin Tang, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, together with a Kwai Tsing District Council member and representatives from the Care Team (Kwai Tsing) visited singleton elderly and grassroots family living in Kwai Chung.

ã€ã€ã€In addition, accompanied by the District Officer (Sai Kung), Miss Kathy Ma, the Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, together with Sai Kung District Council members and representatives from the Care Team (Sai Kung) visited singleton elderly people and grassroots households living in Sheung Tak Estate, Tseung Kwan O. Accompanied by the District Officer (Sha Tin), Mr Frederick Yu, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, together with Sha Tin District Council members and representatives from the Care Team (Sha Tin) visited an elderly couple and singleton elderly people living in Lung Hang Estate, Tai Wai. Accompanied by the District Officer (Tai Po), Ms Eunice Chan, the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Mr Chris Sun, together with Tai Po District Council members and representatives from the Care Team (Tai Po) visited elderly people living in the vicinity of Tai Po Market.

ã€ã€ã€The POs of the Government will continue to visit grassroots families tomorrow (February 9) to deliver Chinese New Year blessing bags and seasonal greetings.