

Three DH dental clinics to be closed for disinfection

The Department of Health (DH) today (February 25) said three of its dental clinics have to be closed for thorough cleaning and disinfection after staff members tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or tested positive through rapid antigen testing. Staff had contacted affected clients to reschedule their service appointments. Details of the service units to be closed are as follows:

Clinic(s)	Closure date(s)	Case(s) involved
Li Po Chun Dental Clinic	February 25	1. A clerical staff member who last performed duties on February 23 2. A workman who last performed duties on February 24
Tsuen Wan Dental Clinic	February 25	A clerical staff member who last performed duties on February 23
Pamela Youde Government Dental Clinic	February 25	A dental officer who last performed duties on February 22

The above staff members wore appropriate personal protective equipment while performing duties.

The DH's Centre for Health Protection has initiated an epidemiological investigation. In view of the epidemic situation, the DH's clinics have stepped up infection control measures, including temperature screening for all visitors before clinic entry, conducting health declaration, limiting the number of accompanying carers and rescheduling the appointments of patients with higher transmission risk (e.g. persons subject to compulsory testing). During the epidemic, each service unit of the DH has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, which include providing employees with masks and other protective equipment, and stepping up the cleaning and sanitising measures of the clinics. All staff members are wearing masks at work and practising hand hygiene at all times. The DH is highly concerned about the COVID-19 situation and has reminded all staff again to maintain personal hygiene and be vigilant at all times. If feeling unwell, they should seek medical attention immediately.