

Three FSD staff members test preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The Fire Services Department (FSD) said today (February 8) that a principal fireman serving at Tsuen Wan Fire Station, an ambulanceman serving at Tin Shui Wai Ambulance Depot and a contract staff member working at the Fire Services Headquarters Building respectively have tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19. The FSD has been following up on the cases with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health and is waiting for further instructions from the CHP.

The principal fireman, who last performed duties on January 19, tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 yesterday (February 7) after undergoing testing on a voluntary basis.

A family member of the ambulanceman tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 on February 3. The ambulanceman was later transferred to a quarantine facility for compulsory quarantine and tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 yesterday. He last performed duties on February 2. In accordance with the advice provided by the CHP, all staff members of Tin Shui Wai Ambulance Depot are not required to undergo compulsory quarantine or testing.

The contract staff member, who last performed duties on February 4, tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 today after undergoing testing on a voluntary basis.

The three staff members wore masks and followed the relevant disease prevention measures at work. The FSD has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection at the premises concerned and in the vicinity, in accordance with the CHP's advice, and has maintained close liaison with the CHP in taking appropriate follow-up action.

The FSD has made arrangements on staff deployment to ensure that relevant services are not affected.

The FSD has been strictly implementing disease prevention measures during the epidemic. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.