

Three persons sentenced for violating Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation

Three persons were sentenced by the Magistrates' Courts today (December 1) for violating the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A).

The three cases involved a 58-year-old man, a 68-year-old woman and an 18-year-old man, who earlier tested positive for COVID-19 and were issued with isolation orders. Before the end of the isolation period, they respectively left the place of isolation on August 19, September 23 and October 1, 2022. They were charged with contravening sections 32(1) and 32(3) of the Regulation. They were sentenced to a fine of \$9,000, a fine of \$8,000, and 80 hours of community service order by the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts, Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts and Fanling Magistrates' Courts today.

Under section 32 of the Regulation, a person shall not, knowing that he or she is a contact or is infected with a specified infectious disease, expose other persons to the risk of infection by the person's presence or conduct in any public conveyance or any street, public place, place of entertainment or assembly, club or hotel. Offenders are subject to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for six months. The Government will not tolerate such a violation and reminds the public again to comply with the relevant regulations.

The spokesman reiterated that co-operation and support by members of the public play a critical role in the anti-epidemic work. They must strictly observe relevant requirements in order to fight the pandemic and minimise the risk of transmission in the community.