

Transport Department officer preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19

The Transport Department (TD) today (August 8) learned that an officer was notified to have been preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

The officer concerned is a clerical grade officer performing non-counter duties at the Kwun Tong Licensing Office. She last performed duties on August 6 and was subsequently notified of the preliminary positive result early this morning by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The officer received a COVID-19 test after one of her family members was confirmed to have contracted the virus and found that she was preliminarily tested positive. The officer's body temperature was normal before commencing duty and she wore mask and followed relevant disease prevention measures at work. Currently, the CHP is trying to find out from the officer concerned and the TD whether she has been in close contact with other people. The TD will proactively co-operate with the CHP's quarantine work.

In consideration of public health and hygiene, and according to guidelines of the CHP, the TD has instantly arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection at the Kwun Tong Licensing Office which will be carried out today and tomorrow (August 9). The office will continue to operate next Monday to provide counter services for applications submitted by applicants with online appointments and process applications submitted by drop-in boxes and by post.

During the outbreak of COVID-19, the TD has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures. Members of the public entering the TD's licensing offices have to undergo on-the-spot body temperature checks arranged by the TD. Any member of the public whose body temperature is higher than 37.5 degrees Celsius or who refuses to undergo a body temperature check will be denied entry into the licensing offices. The offices will also strictly request members of the public to clean their hands with alcohol-based sanitiser before entering the licensing offices and wear masks at all times in the offices. To reduce the risk of the spread of virus, the licensing offices will also strengthen the cleansing of public facilities and implement crowd control measures.

The TD will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP and has also reminded staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and stay vigilant. If feeling unwell, staff are reminded to seek medical advice and inform the TD as soon as possible.

For enquiries on licensing matters, members of the public can contact the relevant offices at the following numbers:

Hong Kong Licensing Office 2804 2636

Kowloon Licensing Office	2150 7728
Kwun Tong Licensing Office	2775 6835
Sha Tin Licensing Office	2606 1468