

# Water sampler of Water Supplies Department tested positive for COVID-19

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) today (August 22) said a water sampler of its New Territories West Regional Laboratory was tested positive for COVID-19 today.

The water sampler last went to work on August 19. His major duty is to take water samples from waterworks installations and public accessible taps (for example, taps in Government venues). He had no direct contact with the public. He wore personal protective equipment, including face mask and gloves, at work. There is no effect on drinking water safety.

The water sampler was notified today that he was tested positive for COVID-19 and is under isolation. Five staff of WSD and its contractor who had close contact with him at work will be quarantined. The WSD immediately arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection of relevant work places in WSD of the above personnel. The department will maintain close liaison with the Centre for Health Protection. Staff have been reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.