<u>Working Family and Student Financial</u> <u>Assistance Agency staff member</u> <u>preliminarily tests positive for</u> <u>COVID-19</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency:

The Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency (WFSFAA) said today (January 22) that a staff member of its Student Finance Office (SFO) has preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

The staff member concerned is a clerical grade staff. He works at 11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices and does not have contact with members of the public in his daily work. He last came to work on January 21. He had been wearing surgical masks while performing duties and properly maintaining social distancing with other people. The officer developed symptoms on January 21 evening. The preliminary test result today was positive.

In consideration of public health and hygiene, the offices on 11/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices will be closed for a thorough cleaning and disinfection. The service counters at the same floor will suspend services up to January 28. SFO will contact those who have made appointments for counter services.

During the pandemic, WFSFAA has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including requiring staff to wear face masks when in contact with others and at public places. Cleaning and sterilising measures for the working environment have also been stepped up. WFSFAA has reminded all staff to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant at all times. If they feel unwell, they should seek medical advice immediately and inform the Agency.

WFSFAA will continue to maintain close liaison with the Centre for Health Protection and co-operate with its anti-epidemic measures and quarantine work.