

An Environmental Protection Inspector tests positive for COVID-19

The Environmental Protection Department today (August 1) learnt that an Environmental Protection Inspector has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The officer works on the fifth floor of Nan Fung Commercial Centre in Kowloon Bay. He is mainly responsible for investigating complaints outdoors and writing reports in the office which is not open to the public. His family member was confirmed as having COVID-19 on July 27, so he was arranged to undergo test for the virus and was notified by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) last night the positive test result.

The officer has no recent travel history. He had been wearing facial masks when performing duties indoors and outdoors. He last performed duties in the office on July 16.

The workplace of the officer concerned, including the common areas, has been fully cleaned and sterilised in accordance with the guidelines of the CHP.

During the pandemic, the department has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of people entering the office, providing facial masks and other personal protective equipment for staff, and requesting staff to wear facial masks when in contact with others and at public places. Cleaning and sterilising measures for the working environment of the department have also been stepped up.

The department will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP. Staff have been reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice and inform the department as soon as possible if feeling unwell.