

Assistant Social Welfare Officer tests positive for COVID-19

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (July 26) said that an Assistant Social Work Officer (ASWO) of Information Systems and Technology Branch, who works at the office in Skyline Tower, Kowloon Bay, was tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) yesterday (July 25).

The ASWO last performed duties in the office on July 17 and the office concerned is not open to members of the public. During the pandemic, the department has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of people entering the office, and providing masks and other personal protective equipment for staff. The ASWO has been wearing masks when performing duties. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

So far, no staff working in the office concerned have symptoms or have been tested positive. Thorough cleaning and sterilisation will be arranged at the office concerned and the SWD will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health to take follow up actions as appropriate.

The SWD is highly concerned about the COVID-19 epidemic. Staff are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.