

Lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach resume

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has announced that the lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today (June 18). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.

Additional public forum on proposals for enhancing animal welfare

The Government, through amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169), proposes to extend the existing legislation which prohibits and penalises acts of cruelty to animals to include taking positive actions on looking after animals well. A three-month public consultation has been launched and four public forums were held to gauge the views of members of the public. To facilitate public attendance and expression of opinions, the Government will hold an additional public forum, the details of which are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue	Primary language
July 15 (Monday)	8pm to 10pm	Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Cantonese

Members of the public are welcome to register to attend. The registration arrangements have already been posted on the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's dedicated website on the public consultation

(www.pets.gov.hk/english/animal_health_and_welfare/Proposals_to_Enhance_Animal_Welfare.html).

People who would like to attend the consultation forum should register via the dedicated website for seat reservation. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apart from the public consultation forums, views on the consultation paper can be delivered by post to the Office of the Animal Management (Development) Division, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, 5/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Hong Kong, by fax to 3110 1336, or by email to cap169_amendment@afcd.gov.hk on or before July 31 this year.

The consultation paper can be downloaded from the dedicated website, the Food and Health Bureau's website (www.fhb.gov.hk) and the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/residents/government/publication/publication/consultation/current.htm).

Lifesaving services suspended at Golden Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 18) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District have been suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

CHP reviews local HIV/AIDS situation in first quarter of 2019 (with photo)

A total of 146 additional cases of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection were reported to the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) in the first quarter of 2019, bringing the cumulative total of reported HIV infections to 9 861 since 1984.

Reviewing the latest HIV/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) situation in Hong Kong at a press conference today (June 18), the Consultant (Special Preventive Programme) of the CHP, Dr Kenny Chan, said that sexual transmission remained the major mode of HIV transmission and stressed the

importance of consistent and proper use of condoms in reducing the risk of contracting HIV.

"HIV is the cause of AIDS and, without treatment, about half of HIV-infected people will progress to AIDS within 10 years. On the contrary, HIV treatment prevents AIDS and significantly prolongs survival," Dr Chan remarked.

"Members of the public with a history of unsafe sex should take an HIV antibody test early. They can call the DH's AIDS Hotline (2780 2211) for a free, anonymous and confidential HIV test. HIV-positive people should seek specialist care as soon as possible," he continued.

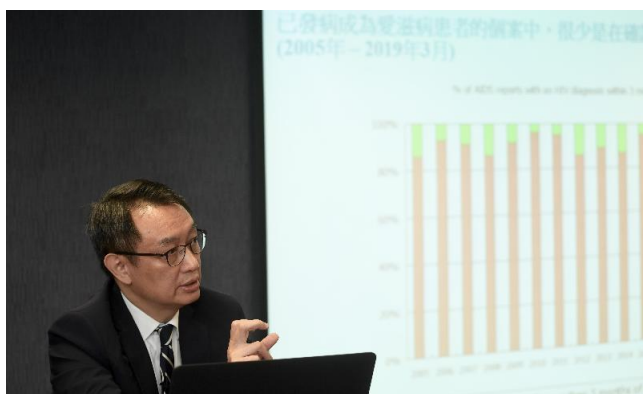
Of the 146 HIV cases, involving 128 males and 18 females, reported in the above quarter, 71 acquired the infection via homosexual or bisexual contact and 17 via heterosexual contact, two via drug injection and two via a perinatal route. The routes of transmission of the remaining 54 cases have yet to be determined due to incomplete information upon notification.

The new cases were mainly reported by three major sources: public hospitals, clinics and laboratories (62 cases); private hospitals, clinics and laboratories (24 cases); and the DH's Social Hygiene Clinics (23 cases). Also, 73 of the HIV-infected people (50 per cent) have already received HIV specialist services at the DH or the Hospital Authority.

In addition, 22 new cases of AIDS were reported in the above quarter, of which 14 cases (64 per cent) were attributed to homosexual or bisexual contact, six cases (27 per cent) were related to heterosexual contact and one case (5 per cent) due to perinatal transmission. The route of transmission of one case (5 per cent) has yet to be determined due to incomplete information upon notification. Since 1985, a cumulative total of 2 018 confirmed AIDS cases have been reported in Hong Kong.

In the above quarter, the most common AIDS-defining illness was *Pneumocystis pneumonia*, a kind of chest infection.

The public may visit the following pages for more information on HIV/AIDS: the DH's Virtual AIDS Office (www.aids.gov.hk), the Red Ribbon Centre (www.rrc.gov.hk), the AIDS Hotline website (www.27802211.com) and the Gay Men HIV Information website (www.21171069.com).



All public services in LegCo Complex to resume gradually this afternoon

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Secretariat announced that the Amber alert will be lifted at 2pm today (June 18). All guided tours of the LegCo Complex, services to the public, including the service of the Public Complaints Office and visits to the LegCo Library, Archives and Children's Corner, as well as the service of the LegCo Cafeteria will gradually be resumed normal.