

Three Directors of Bureaux start LegCo joint-Panel duty visit to major cities in Yangtze River Delta Region (with photos)

The Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip; the Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Nicholas W Yang; and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, departed for Shanghai today (April 21) to join the Legislative Council (LegCo) joint-Panel duty visit to the major cities in the Yangtze River Delta Region to learn about the latest developments in areas such as innovation and technology, economy, finance, culture, education and tourism in the cities. The Under Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Dr Bernard Chan, also joined the visit.

Upon arrival at Shanghai in the afternoon, the delegation visited a commercial aircraft manufacturing enterprise and toured its assembly lines to see for themselves the production of Mainland-made aircraft and the development of the industry.

The delegation visited Fudan University in the evening. They met with the university's management staff and professors as well as Hong Kong students studying there to exchange views on various issues relating to talent nurturing, including STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education. Sixteen universities from Shanghai and Hong Kong established the Shanghai Hong Kong University Alliance last year to foster exchanges and co-operation in higher education between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The delegation will continue their visit in Shanghai tomorrow (April 22).



Update on measles cases

The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (DH) said today (April 21) that no additional case of measles infection has been recorded as at 4pm today.

Regarding measles control measures implemented at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), a total of 3 persons received measles vaccination at the airport vaccination station as at 6pm today, bringing the cumulative number of vaccinations given to 8 250.

From tomorrow (April 22) to April 28, the vaccination quota for the measles vaccination station at the airport remains at 500 doses daily. Vaccination for eligible airport staff will be provided to the following target groups who:

- (1) Were born in or after 1967, and have not received two doses of measles vaccination, and have not been infected with measles before, and with evidence of living with infants under 1 year old or living with pregnant women; or
- (2) Have laboratory evidence of testing not positive against measles antibody (IgG)

Details of evidence are as follows:

- (a) Supporting documents for living with infants under 1 year old: for example, birth certificate, discharge summary or vaccination card of the infant
- (b) Supporting documents for living with pregnant women: for example, positive pregnancy tests or antenatal follow-up cards of the pregnant women
- (c) Supporting documents for laboratory evidence: for example, blood results from the DH's measles serology test or any laboratory within the past 12 months

The venue and operation hours of the airport vaccination station are as follows:

Venue: Multi-function Room, HKIA Tower (Level 5, Terminal 2)
April 22 to 28
Hours: 10am to 1pm
2pm to 6pm

As for the blood test service, the DH will continue to arrange the provision of a measles serology test service for airport staff to identify those who need the measles vaccination. A DH contractor will continue to provide the blood test service for about 200 airport staff who were born in or after 1967 daily from next Tuesday to Thursday (April 23 to 25).

The venue and operation hours of the airport blood test station are as follows:

Venue: South side before the Immigration Hall at Level 3 of Terminal 2
(non-restricted area)

Hours: April 23 to 25
9am to 1pm

A hotline (2125 1122) has been set up for public enquiries and operates during office hours from Mondays to Fridays. A total of 3 223 enquiries have been received so far.

"The incubation period (the period from infection to appearance of illness) of measles ranges from seven days to 21 days. Symptoms of measles include fever, skin rash, cough, runny nose and red eyes. If symptoms arise, members of the public should wear surgical masks, stop going to work or school and avoid going to crowded places. They should also avoid contact with non-immune persons, especially persons with weakened immunity, pregnant women and children aged below 1. Those suspected to have been infected are advised to seek medical attention as early as possible and reveal relevant contact history of measles to healthcare professionals," the spokesman advised.

Fatal traffic accident in Hung Hom

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Hung Hom this afternoon (April 21) in which a 62-year-old woman died.

At about 12.15pm, a coach driven by a 46-year-old man was travelling along southbound Kowloon City Road. When approaching Sze Chuen Street, the coach reportedly knocked down the 62-year-old woman who was crossing the road.

The woman was trapped under the coach and was rescued by firemen. Sustaining multiple injuries, she was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 12.44pm.

The coach driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon West is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 9058.

Car park at Hong Kong Wetland Park full

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The car park at Hong Kong Wetland Park is full. Motorists going to the Park can use the nearby public car parks at Tin Heng Estate, Tin Yat Estate, Grandeur Terrace or Tin Yip Road.

Members of the public are encouraged to take public transport to the Park.

Cluster of Influenza A cases in Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital made the following announcement today (April 21):

Seven patients (aged 57 to 90) in a male integrated medical and geriatric ward had presented with upper respiratory tract infection symptoms since April 15. Appropriate viral tests had been arranged and their test results were positive to Influenza A. The patients concerned are being treated under isolation with stable condition.

Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to the established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.