

CHP investigates three additional confirmed cases of COVID-19

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 0.00am, September 27, the CHP was investigating three additional confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), taking the number of cases to 12 197 in Hong Kong so far (comprising 12 196 confirmed cases and one probable case).

The newly reported cases are imported cases.

A total of 48 cases have been reported in the past 14 days (September 13 to 26) and all of them are imported cases.

In view of the fact that many recent imported cases have joined non-essential travel after vaccination, the spokesman for the CHP stressed, "The global situation of COVID-19 infection remains severe and there is a continuous increase in the number of cases involving mutant strains that carry higher transmissibility, and there are also reports of breakthrough infections in some vaccinated individuals. The CHP strongly urged members of the public to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong, in particular to specified places with high risk under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H)."

The spokesman reminded, "If travel is unavoidable, the CHP highly recommends the public to be fully vaccinated with COVID-19 vaccines before their departure. They should avoid participating in non-essential mass gatherings or events held outside Hong Kong. They should continue to wear a surgical mask and maintain strict personal and environmental hygiene at all times. Parents are also urged to avoid taking unvaccinated children travelling."

Separately, according to the testing and quarantine arrangements for local COVID-19 cases with mutant strains, the CHP reminded people that persons who resided or worked within the same building as the residence of relevant cases will be subject to compulsory testing on days 3, 7, 12 and 19 following the announcement of the relevant confirmed cases by the DH. They will also be required to undergo self-monitoring until the 21st day. Relevant deadlines of compulsory testing for respective specified premises are listed on the Government's website at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/CTN_Specified_premises_and_Dates_of_Testing.pdf.

Specified persons in relation to the following specified premises are also reminded to undergo compulsory testing in accordance with the compulsory testing notice tomorrow (September 28):

- Aigburth, 12 Tregunter Path, Mid-Levels

- 7 Lyttelton Road, Mid-Levels

The CHP's epidemiological investigations and relevant contact tracing on the confirmed cases are ongoing. For case details and contact tracing information, please see the Annex or the list of buildings with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and the latest local situation of COVID-19 available on the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk). The DH has also been closely monitoring the mutant strains of SARS CoV-2 and has uploaded the relevant information on Variants of Concern (VOCs) and Variants of Interest (VOIs), based on whole genome sequencing results, to the CHP's website (www.chp.gov.hk/en/statistics/data/10/641/100135/6973.html). The data will be updated regularly.

The Government has launched the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. Members of the public are encouraged to get vaccinated. Details of the programme can be found at the designated website (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk). Generally speaking, COVID-19 vaccination can prevent COVID-19 infection, and if infected, reduce the risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19.

The CHP called on members of the public to pay attention to their health condition, seek medical advice early and undergo COVID-19 nucleic acid testing as soon as possible if respiratory symptoms develop. They should also maintain strict personal and environmental hygiene at all times, to protect themselves against infection and prevent the spread of the disease in the community.

On a personal level, members of the public should put on a surgical mask when they need to go out. It is important to wear a mask properly, including performing hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask. Hand hygiene should be performed frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, after touching public installations such as handrails or doorknobs, or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing. Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds, then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, performing hand hygiene with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub is an effective alternative. Cover the mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly.

â€œTo ensure household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) by pouring about half a litre of water into each drain outlet (U-trap). They should also pay attention to hygiene when using the toilet by putting the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs.

S for S deeply saddened by death of Senior Police Inspector

The Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, today (September 27) was deeply saddened by the death of Senior Inspector of Marine Region, Ms Lam Yuen-yee, and offered his deepest condolences to her family.

"I am deeply grieved to hear of the unfortunate loss of Senior Inspector Lam Yuen-yee when she was on duty. The Security Bureau and the Police will make every effort to support and help the family of the late Ms Lam," Mr Tang said.

Senior Inspector Lam fell into the sea and went missing whilst on duty on Saturday (September 25). Her body was found in Yi O, Lantau Island, this morning.

Mr Tang also expressed sympathy to the other three officers injured while carrying out their duties with Ms Lam, and wished them a speedy recovery.

SCS grieves over passing of police officer

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, today (September 27) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Senior Police Inspector Ms Lam Yuen-yee as she was carrying out her duties off Sha Chau on September 25.

Mr Nip said, "On behalf of the civil service, I offer my deepest condolences to the officer's family. The Civil Service Bureau has contacted the Police and will make every effort to help the family during this sad and difficult period."

Mr Nip also sent his regards to the other three colleagues who were injured in the incident, and wished them a speedy recovery.

CS expresses sorrow over passing of

Senior Police Inspector

The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee, today (September 27) expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Senior Police Inspector of Marine Region Ms Lam Yuen-yee while she was on duty.

Mr Lee extended his deepest condolences to her family and said that the Government will provide the utmost support to family members of the late Ms Lam through this difficult time.

Mr Lee also expressed his hope for a speedy recovery for the other three police officers who were injured in the incident.

CE deeply saddened by passing of Senior Police Inspector Ms Lam Yuen-yee

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, who is currently on a duty visit in the Mainland, today (September 27) was deeply saddened by the passing of Senior Police Inspector Ms Lam Yuen-yee, who fell overboard while carrying out duties in the waters off Sha Chau. Mrs Lam extended her deepest condolences to Ms Lam's family members. Three other police officers were injured in the incident and sent to hospital for treatment. Mrs Lam sent her regards to them and wished them a speedy recovery.

"Maintaining law and order on the front line, the Police have always been committed to their duty to protect the life and property of members of the public and have been fearless in the face of danger, which is admirable. I and members of the public are profoundly grieved by the tragic loss of Ms Lam when she was on duty. The Civil Service Bureau and the Hong Kong Police Force will make every effort to support her family," Mrs Lam said.