

CHP investigates one additional confirmed case of COVID-19

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 0.00am, March 28, the CHP was investigating one additional confirmed case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), taking the number of cases to 11 447 in Hong Kong so far (comprising 11 446 confirmed cases and one probable case).

The newly reported case is an imported case.

A total of 188 cases have been recorded in the past 14 days (March 14 to 27), including 110 local cases of which 29 are from unknown sources.

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).

Meanwhile, the CHP reminded those who had visited specified venues under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to receive COVID-19 nucleic acid testing according to the compulsory testing notice. The Regulation also requires all household members of close contacts of confirmed cases to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test within a specified period according to compulsory testing notices published in the Gazette. The public are also urged to seek medical attention early if symptoms develop and undergo testing as soon as possible.

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).

The CHP called on members of the public to avoid going out, having social contact and dining out. They should put on a surgical mask and maintain stringent hand hygiene when they need to go out. The CHP strongly urged the elderly to stay home as far as possible and avoid going out. They should consider asking their family and friends to help with everyday tasks such as shopping for basic necessities.

The spokesman said, "Given that the situation of COVID-19 infection remains severe and that there is a continuous increase in the number of cases reported around the world, members of the public are strongly urged to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.

"The CHP also strongly urges the public to maintain at all times strict personal and environmental hygiene, which is key to personal protection

against infection and prevention of the spread of the disease in the community. On a personal level, members of the public should wear a surgical mask when having respiratory symptoms, taking public transport or staying in crowded places. They should also perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes.

"As for household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps). After using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk) for announcing the latest updates on various news on COVID-19 infection and health advice to help the public understand the latest updates. Members of the public may also gain access to information via the COVID-19 WhatsApp Helpline launched by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. Simply by saving 9617 1823 in their phone contacts or clicking the link wa.me/85296171823?text=hi, they will be able to obtain information on COVID-19 as well as the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app and wristband via WhatsApp.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infections, members of the public should always maintain good personal and environmental hygiene. They are advised to:

- Wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including performing hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask;
- Perform hand hygiene 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;
- Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a litre of water into each drain outlet (U-trap) to ensure environmental hygiene;
- After using the toilet, put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs;
- 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 your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly; and
- When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.

Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) will meet on Tuesday (March 30) to consider five applications for new issue and renewal of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

"Wui Mei Seafood Hot Pot Restaurant" in Sai Ying Pun
Season Plus in Sheung Wan

Kowloon:

"Yum Yum Goose & Co." in Kowloon City

New Territories:

BUM MEI SIN KITCHEN in Yuen Long
Genki Sushi in Sha Tin

The board will also consider revocation of the liquor licence of Sahara in Central.

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. In response to the latest developments of COVID-19, to avoid the gathering of people in an enclosed environment and to safeguard the health of all participants, only limited public seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for all open hearings of the LLB in the interim.

Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (March 28) is yellow and the risk of

fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

New life for old school

The Lok Sin Tong Benevolent Society, Kowloon (LST) worked with the Government to covert the Lok Sin Tong Primary School campus in Kowloon City into transitional housing with affordable rent to help relieve the financial burden for low-income families who have been waiting for public rental housing.

News.gov.hk spoke to some of the tenants to find out how the project has helped improve their lives and to the LST about the project's design concept.

The story is available at www.news.gov.hk/eng/feature today (March 28) in text and video format.

Fatal traffic accident in Sheung Shui

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Sheung Shui in the early hours today (March 28) in which a 27-year-old man died.

At 0.50am, a private car driven by a 39-year-old man reportedly knocked down the 27-year-old man when it was reversing in a car park in Hung Kiu San Tsuen, Man Kam To Road. After the impact, the private car left the scene.

Sustaining serious head injuries, the 27-year-old man was rushed to Prince Wales Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 2.30am.

The private car driver returned to the scene subsequently, and was arrested for drink driving and dangerous driving causing death. He is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation will be conducted by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories North.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers at 3661 3819 or 3661 3818.