

Police enter a shopping mall on Prince Edward Road West, Mong Kok for resolute law enforcement actions

At around 3pm today (August 30), some protestors gathered and chanted slogans in a shopping mall on Prince Edward Road West in Mong Kok. Such acts may constitute the offence of “participating in an unauthorised assembly” in accordance with the Public Order Ordinance and breach the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation. Police officers have entered the mall for law enforcement actions and warned the crowd to stop gathering immediately or they would be summonsed or arrested.

Police warn the crowd to stop gathering and leave immediately. Members of the public should also refrain from taking part in unauthorised assemblies or prohibited group gatherings. Police severely condemn any irresponsible act that disregards public health. Police will continue to take resolute law enforcement actions and have zero tolerance for unlawful acts.

Police urge the public not to take part in unauthorised assemblies

Police have noticed that someone has been calling on members of the public to take part in unauthorised assemblies in Mong Kok and Tsim Sha Tsui today (August 30). Police reiterate that anyone participating in such events may commit the offence of “taking part in an unauthorised assembly” in accordance with the Public Order Ordinance and be liable to a maximum penalty of five years’ imprisonment. Besides, engaging in public gatherings will also increase the risk of transmitting the virus in the community and may commit certain offences under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation regarding prohibited group gatherings.

In view of the severe pandemic situation, members of the public should cut down on social gatherings and practice social distancing to reduce the chance of contracting or spreading the virus. For the sake of public health and public safety, Police call upon everyone to refrain from taking part in prohibited group gatherings and unauthorised assemblies. Police do not condone any illegal acts and will take resolute enforcement actions, including issuing summonses and making arrests.

Tuen Mun Hospital announces COVID-19 patient passed away

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Tuen Mun Hospital (TMH) announced today (August 30) that an 83-year-old female patient confirmed with COVID-19 infection (case no: 4552) passed away today.

The patient with chronic disease was the close contact with the confirmed case and asymptomatic. She was admitted to TMH on August 18 when the result was found positive to COVID-19. Her condition continued to deteriorate and she eventually succumbed at 6.32am today.

The hospital was saddened about the passing away of the patient and would offer necessary assistance to her family.

Including the above case, 88 COVID-19 confirmed patients have passed away in public hospitals so far.

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 (September 1) to consider two applications for renewal of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

Missy Ho's in Kennedy Town

New Territories:

SEAROCK LOUNGE in Tseung Kwan O

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 coronavirus disease 2019, to avoid the gathering of people in an enclosed environment and to safeguard the health of all participants, public seats will not be available for all open hearings of the LLB in the interim.

CHP reminds public on precautions against heat stroke during very hot weather

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (August 30) reminded members of the public, particularly those undertaking outdoor activities, to take heed of necessary measures against heat stroke and sunburn in very hot weather.

"The public should carry and drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration while engaging in outdoor activities," a spokesman for the CHP said.

"Those engaged in strenuous outdoor activities should avoid beverages containing caffeine, such as coffee and tea, as well as alcohol, as they speed up water loss through the urinary system," the spokesman explained.

"The obese, the sick, including those with heart disease or high blood pressure, the old and the young are more vulnerable to heat-related illnesses. They should pay special attention," the spokesman added.

The public should adopt the following precautions:

- Wear loose and light-coloured clothing to reduce heat absorption and facilitate sweat evaporation and heat dissipation;
- Avoid vigorous exercise and prolonged activities like hiking or trekking as heat, sweating and exhaustion can place additional demands on the physique;
- Perform outdoor activities in the morning or late afternoon;
- For indoor activities, open all windows, use a fan or use air-conditioning to maintain good ventilation; and
- Reschedule work to cooler times of the day.

If working in a hot environment is inevitable, introduce shade in the workplace where practicable. Start work slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Move to a cool area for rest at regular intervals to allow the body to recuperate.

The public should also note the latest and the forecast Ultraviolet (UV) Index released by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). When the UV Index is high

(6 or above):

- Minimise direct exposure of the skin and the eyes to sunlight;
- Wear long-sleeved and loose-fitting clothes;
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat or use an umbrella;
- Seek a shaded area or put on UV-blocking sunglasses;
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen lotion with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or above. Apply liberally and reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling off; and
- While using DEET-containing insect repellents for personal protection against mosquito-borne diseases, apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent.

If symptoms develop, such as dizziness, headache, nausea, shortness of breath or confusion, rest and seek help immediately, and seek medical advice as soon as possible.

The public may obtain more information from the DH's Health Education Infoline (2833 0111), [heat stroke](#) page and [UV radiation](#) page; the HKO's Dial-a-Weather (1878 200), latest [weather and forecast](#), [UV Index](#) and weather information for [hiking and mountaineering](#); and [press releases](#) of the Labour Department on precautions against heat stroke for outdoor workers and their employers when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force.