SWD Social Security Assistant tests positive for COVID-19

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (August 22) said that a Social Security Assistant (SSA) of To Kwa Wan Social Security Field Unit who works at the office in To Kwa Wan Government Offices, has been tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The SSA last performed duties in the office on August 7 and the office concerned since late July has been temporarily closed to the public but has maintained services on a limited scale through other modes of service delivery. During the pandemic, the department has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of people entering the office and providing masks and other personal protective equipment for staff. The SSA was wearing a mask when performing duties. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

So far, no other staff members working in the office concerned have symptoms or have been tested positive. Thorough cleaning and disinfection has been arranged at the office concerned and the SWD will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health to take follow-up action as appropriate.

The SWD is highly concerned about the COVID-19 epidemic. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (August 22), 75 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 3 974 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 690 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 251 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 555 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 19 public hospitals, a community isolation facility and a community treatment facility, among which 29 patients are in critical condition, 37 are in serious condition and the

remaining 489 patients are in stable condition.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

Details of the above-mentioned patients are as follows:

Patient condition	Case numbers						
Discharged	2832, 3358, 3751, 3934, 4133, 4206, 4253, 4329, 4421,	2941, 3442, 3779, 3945, 4143, 4208, 4261, 4354,	3005, 3463, 3824, 3982, 4145, 4224, 4262, 4375, 4486,	3079, 3631, 3873, 4005, 4168, 4236, 4265, 4389, 4518,	2537, 3175, 3637, 3879, 4009, 4178, 4237, 4237, 4273, 4398, 4543, 4581	3273, 3687, 3880, 4058, 4181, 4242, 4280, 4399,	3305, 3702, 3896, 4107, 4186, 4248, 4292, 4408,
Critical	2282, 3626,	2792, 3635,	2890, 3744,	2912, 3764,	1835, 2968, 3904, 4222,	3308, 3949,	3434, 3960,
Serious	2576, 2966, 3461,	2577, 2988, 3496, 4059,	2702, 2989, 3497,	2746, 3274, 3539,	2079, 2748, 3366, 3617, 4148,	2940, 3377, 3621,	2962, 3408, 3761,

HAD to open temporary night heat shelters

The Home Affairs Department will open 19 temporary night heat shelters tonight (August 22) for people in need of the service.

The shelters will be open from 10.30pm until 8am tomorrow.

For further information, please call the department's hotline before midnight on 2572 8427.

The 19 night heat shelters are located at:

Hong Kong Districts:

Central and Western —
Sai Ying Pun Community Complex Community Hall
3/F, Sai Ying Pun Community Complex,
2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun

Eastern —
Causeway Bay Community Centre
3/F, 7 Fook Yum Road, Causeway Bay

Southern — Lei Tung Community Hall Lei Tung Estate, Ap Lei Chau

Wan Chai — Wan Chai Activities Centre LG/F, Wan Chai Market, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai

Kowloon Districts:

Kowloon City —
Hung Hom Community Hall
1/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom

Kwun Tong — Lam Tin (West) Estate Community Centre 71 Kai Tin Road, Lam Tin

Sham Shui Po —
Shek Kip Mei Community Hall
G/F, Block 42, Shek Kip Mei Estate, Sham Shui Po

Wong Tai Sin —
Tsz Wan Shan (South) Estate Community Centre
45 Wan Wah Street, Tsz Wan Shan

Yau Tsim Mong — Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei

New Territories Districts:

Islands —
Tung Chung Community Hall
G/F, Tung Chung Municipal Services Building,
39 Man Tung Road, Tung Chung

Kwai Tsing -

Kwai Shing Community Hall Podium, Block 6, Kwai Shing West Estate, Kwai Chung North -Cheung Wah Community Hall Cheung Wah Estate, Fanling Sai Kung -Hang Hau Community Hall G/F, Sai Kung Tseung Kwan O Government Complex, 38 Pui Shing Road, Hang Hau, Tseung Kwan O Sha Tin -Hin Keng Neighbourhood Community Centre 5 Hin Wo Lane, Sha Tin Tai Po -Tai Po Community Centre 2 Heung Sze Wui Street, Tai Po Tsuen Wan -Shek Wai Kok Community Hall Shek Wai Kok Estate, Tsuen Wan Tuen Mun -Butterfly Bay Community Centre Butterfly Estate (near Tip Sum House), Tuen Mun Yuen Long -Long Ping Community Hall Long Ping Estate, Yuen Long Yuen Long -

Tin Yiu Community Centre Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Shui Wai

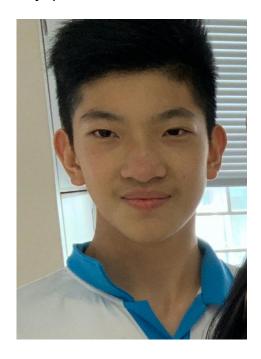
<u>Appeal for information on missing boy</u> <u>in Kwai Chung (with photo)</u>

Police today (August 22) appealed to the public for information on a boy who went missing in Kwai Chung.

Fung Ka-tsun, aged 14, went missing after he left his residence in On Yam Estate on August 20 morning. His family made a report to Police yesterday (August 21).

He is about 1.75 metres tall, 55 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short black hair. He was last seen wearing a red long-sleeved hoodie, dark blue jeans, black sports shoes and carrying a black bag.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing boy or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of New Territories South on 3661 1176 or 9320 5612 or email to rmpu-nts-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



<u>Latest arrangements for Highways</u> <u>Department's public services</u>

To align with the special work arrangements announced by the Government in view of the latest development of the epidemic situation, the Highways Department announced today (August 22) that, from August 24 it will further extend its public services including the resumption of non-emergency road repair works, which have been suspended due to the epidemic situation, until further notice.

The Highways Department will continue to provide essential and emergency public road repair services including daily inspections of expressways and emergency road repairs, as well as processing of excavation permit applications for excavation works on public roads. It will also arrange for its contractors to continue to enhance the cleansing work for the handrails of footbridges, subways and escalators, as well as the buttons of lifts, under the department's purview.

The Reporting Centre of the Highways Department will maintain operation

to handle road repair matters. For any suggestions, enquiries or complaints on the services, members of the public may continue to call the 24-hour hotline 2926 4111 or call 1823. Public may also contact Highways Department by email or by fax. Details are as follows:

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