

## **LCSD library staff tests positive for COVID-19**

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (August 12) said that a library staff has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The library staff concerned works at 10/F of the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL) in Wan Chai District. She last performed duties on August 6. All facilities of the library have been temporarily closed since July 15. As she had been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, she was sent to a quarantine centre and was tested for COVID-19. She was notified today that she had tested positive.

The library staff concerned has no recent travel history. She has been wearing surgical masks when performing duties. Her body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

The LCSD will arrange thorough cleaning and sterilisation at the relevant floor and all public facilities of the HKCL according to guidelines provided by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

The LCSD is highly concerned about the COVID-19 epidemic and will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP. Staff are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.

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## **Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital announces a nurse tested preliminarily positive to COVID-19**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital (PYNEH) made the following announcement today (August 12) regarding a nurse who was tested preliminarily positive to COVID-19:

A female nurse working in a medical ward at PYNEH has presented with dry throat and feverish feeling since August 9. She attended the Accident and Emergency Department on August 11 after her last duty and COVID-19 test arranged showed preliminary positive result last night. The nurse is in stable condition and will be admitted for isolation and treatment.

The nurse concerned is responsible for general clinical and nursing care duties in ward and has been equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment at work. According to the admission record and her work schedule, the nurse did not come into contact with any COVID-19 patients over the past two weeks in the hospital and was not required to perform high-risk medical procedures for patients.

The hospital's infection control team immediately initiated contact tracing following the case report. Initial investigation indicated that 13 staff members in the ward who have had meals during meal break with the nurse concerned would be classified as close contacts. The hospital will follow up closely with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for the required quarantine arrangement. As a precautionary measure, the hospital will also arrange viral tests and medical surveillance for other staff members and inpatients in the medical ward concerned.

The hospital had arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection in the medical ward concerned and would continue to closely monitor the situation with CHP.

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## **FEHD prepares for disbursing second tranche subsidy under Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme**

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (August 12) that it will arrange for disbursing the second tranche subsidy under the Catering Business (Social Distancing) Subsidy Scheme to successful applicants.

According to the conditions for release of the subsidy under the Scheme, before the second tranche of the subsidy is received, successful applicants who have received subsidies under the first tranche shall submit a duly signed notification to the FEHD confirming their timely submission of the monthly certificates for May to July this year issued by a certified public accountant (practising) as proof that there were no staff redundancies and not less than 80 per cent of the subsidy released was used to pay salaries of staff working at the premises in the months.

The notification template can be downloaded from the website of the FEHD ([www.fehd.gov.hk](http://www.fehd.gov.hk)). From tomorrow (August 13), the applicants can submit the completed and duly signed notification to the designated account online

provided by the FEHD in respect of the licensed premises. The FEHD will arrange prompt disbursement of the second tranche of the subsidy after verification of the information.

The Scheme provides subsidies ranging from \$250,000 to \$2.2 million and the subsidy is being disbursed in two tranches on an equal basis to eligible licence holders of general restaurants, light refreshment restaurants, marine restaurants and factory canteens in operation according to the floor area of the premises as specified in the licence, primarily in support of payment of employees' salaries during a six-month period from May to October this year following approval of the application. Disbursement of the first tranche subsidies, ranging from \$125,000 to \$1.1 million, started in June. For details, please visit the website of the FEHD.

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## Operators and managers of unlicensed guesthouses convicted

Three men and three women were charged with contravening the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (August 12). Two women and a man were fined from \$2,000 to \$8,000; a man was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, suspended for 12 months; and the other man and woman were sentenced to two months and four weeks' imprisonment, and three weeks' imprisonment respectively.

The courts heard that between September 2017 and September last year, officers of the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA), the Home Affairs Department, inspected six suspected unlicensed guesthouses on Granville Circuit, Mong Kok Road, Shanghai Street, Tung Choi Street, Reclamation Street and Victory Avenue in Kowloon. During the inspections, the OLA officers posed as lodgers and successfully rented rooms in these guesthouses on a daily or hourly basis.

According to the OLA's records, these guesthouses did not possess licences under the Ordinance on the days of inspection. The men and women responsible for operating and managing the premises were charged with contravening section 5(1) of the Ordinance.

A department spokesman stressed that operating or managing an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence and can lead to a criminal record. Upon conviction, the offender is liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and two years' imprisonment.

The spokesman appealed to anyone with information about suspected unlicensed guesthouses to report it to the OLA through the hotline (Tel: 2881 7498), by email ([hadlaeng@had.gov.hk](mailto:hadlaeng@had.gov.hk)), by fax (2504 5805) using the report form downloaded from the OLA website ([www.hadla.gov.hk](http://www.hadla.gov.hk)), or through the

mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses".

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## Operator fined for illegal club operation

A man was fined \$12,000 at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts today (August 12) for contravening the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance.

The courts heard that in January this year, officers from the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) of the Home Affairs Department conducted an inspection at a club on Nathan Road in Tsim Sha Tsui, which had been operating with a certificate of compliance (CoC).

During the investigation, the OLA officers posed as customers and patronised the club for food without being asked to show their membership status or being invited to join the club as members. The OLA officers also found that the number of people at the club exceeded the maximum allowable capacity as stipulated in the CoC, and the club's staff failed to show the registered drawing upon the OLA officers' request. Conditions 6, 10 and 12 of the CoC were breached. The man, being the CoC holder of the club, was charged with contravening section 21(2) of the Ordinance.

A spokesman for the department reminded all CoC holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated therein. Enforcement action will continue to be taken against illegal club operation.