

Assess the risk of heat stroke to employees

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals when the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force:

The Labour Department reminds employers that as the Very Hot Weather Warning is in force, they should assess the risk of heat stroke to their employees and adopt effective preventive measures such as providing cool drinking water, setting up temporary sunshade and providing mechanical aids to reduce physical exertion of employees. Employees should drink water regularly and be mindful of their physical condition. If early heat stroke symptoms such as headache and thirst appear, they should rest in a cool or shady place and drink water immediately. They should also inform their supervisors to take appropriate actions.

Very Hot Weather Warning issued

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning.

To prevent heat stroke, avoid prolonged activities outdoors.

If engaged in outdoor work or activities, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes. Stay in shaded areas as much as possible.

Drink plenty of water, and avoid beverages containing caffeine or alcohol.

If you feel sick, consult a doctor right away.

Princess Margaret Hospital announces the interruption of negative pressure system in the isolation ward

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for the Princess Margaret Hospital made the following announcement today (June 18) concerning the interruption of negative pressure system in the Infectious Disease Centre (IDC):

At 5.57pm today, the alarm for the negative pressure system of isolation ward on 9/F in the IDC lighted up and staff immediately notified the staff of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD). The negative pressure system of the concerned ward resumed operation at 6.07pm.€€

Preliminary inspection by the EMSD revealed that the suspension of negative pressure system of the isolation ward was due to malfunction of ventilation system in a washroom.

There were four patients residing in the affected isolation rooms while none of them were related to COVID-19.

During the incident, no personnel has entered or left the rooms nor has any high risk procedure been performed. All ward staff put on N95 respirators immediately after the alarm. According to the hospital's assessment, the risk of infection is very low.

The hospital is very concerned about the incident and has urged the EMSD to perform thorough checking to the system to ensure its proper functioning. The incident has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office via the Advance Incident Reporting System.

Correctional officer stops fighting among persons in custody

A correctional officer at Stanley Prison stopped a fight between two persons in custody today (June 18).

At 3.02 pm today, two male persons in custody aged 27 and 53 respectively engaged in a fight inside shower room. An officer at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement.

One of the persons in custody sustained injuries to his head, chest, etc., and was referred to a public hospital for further treatment after examination and treatment by the institution Medical Officer. Another person in custody sustained injury to his eye and he did not need to be sent out after receiving medical treatment.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The two persons in custody were sentenced to imprisonment for the offences of rape and robbery respectively.

Speedpost service to the United Kingdom and the United States resumed

Hongkong Post today (June 18) announced that some airlines commenced to provide air traffic capacity gradually to the United Kingdom and the United States on a limited basis. However, this can only cope with the posting volume of Speedpost service, and thus for the time being only Speedpost service to the above two destinations will resume first starting from tomorrow (June 19). Notwithstanding this, postal operations of these destinations are still under the influence of the pandemic as advised by local postal administrations, hence delays in mail delivery should be expected.

Members of the public may visit the web page at www.hongkongpost.hk/en/about_us/whats_new/notices/index_id_938.html to refer to the service types currently available for overseas destinations.