

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (April 30), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health the admission of 16 patients (nine male and seven female, aged 1 to 86) in the past 24 hours who met the reporting criteria of COVID-19. Appropriate tests have been arranged for the patients.

There are 208 patients under isolation currently. So far, 846 patients who had COVID-19 confirmed or probable infections have been discharged upon recovery.

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.

Chartered flight taking Hong Kong residents stranded in Pakistan back home departs from Islamabad

A chartered flight taking Hong Kong residents stranded in Pakistan back home departed from Islamabad at 9.55am local time (12.55pm Hong Kong time) today (April 30) and is expected to arrive at Hong Kong International Airport at around 7pm tonight. There are 319 passengers on board. Upon arrival, the returnees will proceed to the Department of Health's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre at AsiaWorld-Expo by coaches for compulsory COVID-19 testing. After their deep throat saliva samples are collected, the returnees will be transferred by coaches to the quarantine centre at Chun Yeung Estate for a 14-day compulsory quarantine period.

The cost for taking the chartered flight is around HK\$6,000 per person and is borne by the users.

CHP announces no new local confirmed cases of COVID-19 today

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has announced that as of 4pm today (April 30), no new local confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) have been recorded, and that the number of cases in Hong Kong remains at 1 038 so far (comprising 1 037 confirmed cases and one probable case).

The CHP again urged members of the public to maintain an appropriate social distance with other people as far as possible in their daily lives to minimise the risk of infection. In particular, they should go out less and avoid social activities such as meal gatherings or other gatherings to reduce the chance of contacting infected persons who may not present any symptoms, and minimise the risk of outbreak clusters emerging in the community.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "Given that the situation of the 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, regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps) and cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use. After using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

The CHP has set up hotlines (2125 1111 and 2125 1122), which operate from 8am to midnight daily, for public enquiries. As at 3pm today, a total of 101 912 calls had been received.

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk) for announcing the latest updates on various news on the COVID-19 infection and health advice to help the public understand the latest updates.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infection, 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 door knobs, 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;
 - Cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use;
 - 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.
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Land Registry releases new Street Index and New Territories Lot/Address Cross Reference Table

The Land Registry (LR) announced today (April 30) that compact discs for the 52nd edition of the Index of Streets, House Numbers and Lots in Hong Kong, Kowloon and New Kowloon (Street Index), and the 21st edition of the New Territories Lot/Address Cross Reference Table (CRT) have been released. The discs facilitate searches of land records of urban and New Territories properties by correlating property addresses, building names or lot numbers.

The new edition of the Street Index features 444 amendments to the last edition, with 11 new streets and 30 new lots/sections/subsections added. In the latest edition of the CRT, 1 522 amendments have been made and 10 new streets and 1 146 new lots/sections/subsections have been added.

The new editions of the Street Index and CRT compact discs cost \$370 each. Licences for using them on computer networks are also available for sale. The respective licence fees are \$2,960 for computer networks linked to

less than 50 terminals and \$5,920 if linked to 50 terminals or more.

Members of the public who wish to purchase the compact discs and the licences may submit a completed order form by post or in person to the LR's Customer Centre (19/F, Queensway Government Offices (QG0), 66 Queensway, Hong Kong) or the LR's Street Index and CRT Help Desk (Unit 1202, 12/F, One Kowloon, 1 Wang Yuen Street, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon) or deposit it in the drop-in box located near the Information Counter on the Deck Floor of the High Block of QG0. The form can be obtained at the LR's website (www.landreg.gov.hk) or by fax by calling the customer service hotline at 3105 0000. It is also available at the LR's Customer Centre, the New Territories Search Offices and the Street Index and CRT Help Desk.

Given the latest situation of COVID-19, to achieve social distancing and to reduce the risk of the spread of the virus, customers are encouraged to obtain order forms online or by calling the customer service hotline and submit completed application forms by post or use the drop-in box as much as possible.

An online version of the new Street Index and CRT is also available for free browsing on the LR's website (www.landreg.gov.hk) or through the hyperlink on the Integrated Registration Information System Online Services (www.iris.gov.hk).

For enquiries, please call the Street Index and CRT help desk or the Customer Service Manager of the LR at 3105 0000.

[Latest arrangements for HAD services](#)

To align with the Government's arrangement to resume public services under a phased approach, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) announced today (April 30) its latest service arrangements from Monday (May 4). The details are listed below.

The Home Affairs Enquiry Centres (HAEC), except for the Sham Shui Po HAEC, which closed earlier for maintenance works, and the Estate Beneficiaries Support Unit, will resume normal opening hours. The operation of the HAD's enquiry hotline (2835 2500) will also return to normal.

The multi-purpose halls, conference rooms, classrooms, meeting rooms and activity rooms of community halls and community centres will re-open to organisations with approved bookings, with a limit of four participants for each activity to be held in order to avoid group gatherings and ensure that appropriate social distancing can be maintained.

The services provided by the Office of the Licensing Authority remain

normal.