

## CHP follows up on COVID-19 confirmed cases at buildings on Reclamation Street in Jordan

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) today (January 14) said that as 27 confirmed cases of COVID-19 recently occurred at 20, 22 and 26 Reclamation Street in Jordan, which involved 13 units, the CHP decided to carry out additional prudent measures on infection control so as to stop the potential risk of a further spread of the virus.

Since 20, 22, 24 and 26 Reclamation Street are interconnected and the communal places are shared by some residents therein, subsequent to requesting the residents to undergo compulsory testing and arranging close contacts living on the same floor as confirmed cases to quarantine centres so as to cut the transmission chain in the buildings and the community as soon as possible, the DH has further issued quarantine orders to asymptomatic residents from remaining units on the first to the seventh floors of 20, 22, 24 and 26 Reclamation Street, and has transferred them to quarantine centres. For symptomatic residents, they will be sent to the hospital for treatment.

As at 9am today, the CHP had transferred 79 residents of the buildings to quarantine centres for compulsory quarantine, including close contacts living on the same floor, as with confirmed cases earlier.

The CHP's epidemiological investigations of the buildings are ongoing.

Meanwhile, the CHP reminds that the Government has exercised power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) on January 12, 2021, to require any person who had been present at 20, 22, 24 and 26 Reclamation Street for more than two hours at any time during the period from December 30, 2020, to January 12, 2021 (including but not limited to residents, visitors and workers), to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test by January 15, 2021.