

CHP follows up on two cases of novel coronavirus infection in Hong Mei House, Cheung Hong Estate

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (February 11) proactively following up on two cases of novel coronavirus infection in Hong Mei House, Cheung Hong Estate in Tsing Yi, and is immediately carrying out active case finding at the 07 units of Hong Mei House to identify if there are undiagnosed cases so as to stop the potential risk of further spread of the virus.

As the 62-year-old female patient of the 42nd case announced yesterday (February 10) and the 75-year-old male patient of the 12th case confirmed on January 30 both reside at the 07 unit on different floors in Hong Mei House, Cheung Hong Estate, the CHP has proactively followed up to investigate whether the infections of the two cases are related.

The CHP has immediately co-ordinated with relevant government departments and organisations to formulate and execute corresponding measures last night. A multi-disciplinary response team has also been activated to investigate and examine if environmental factors were involved in the infection of the two cases.

Taking into the opinions from experts, the CHP decided to carry out prudent measures on infection control. Personnel from the CHP have immediately inspected Hong Mei House, Cheung Hong Estate last night and conducted active case finding on residents living at the 07 units of the whole block covering 30 odd floors. Symptomatic residents will be sent to the hospital for isolation while asymptomatic residents will be issued quarantine orders and be transferred to quarantine centre.

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Housing Department will conduct thorough cleaning and disinfection for the building. The DH will also provide residents with guidelines on professional cleaning and disinfection, such as to maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly pour about half a liter of water into each drain outlet (U-traps) to ensure environmental hygiene, and after using the toilet, to put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs.

The CHP has set up a hotline (2125 1122), which operates from 8am to midnight daily, for public enquiries.