

CHP's statement on quarantine facilities

In response to the latest development of the novel coronavirus infection, the Government yesterday (January 25) announced a package of measures to tackle the disease. Apart from strengthening immigration control measures, the preparation work of quarantine facilities is also very important. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) reiterated that it will first consider requisitioning holiday villages in arranging to send asymptomatic close contacts to quarantine facilities.

According to the current arrangement, the CHP will arrange close contacts of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection who have developed symptoms to public hospitals for treatment in isolation. For close contacts who are asymptomatic and do not require medical attention by doctors and admission to hospitals, the CHP will arrange to quarantine centres for medical surveillance for 14 days after conducting a health assessment.

At present, the Lady MacLehose Holiday Village has been activated to receive persons who are required to be quarantined while the Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village is also ready. Meanwhile, the DH today (January 26) has started preparation of the Po Leung Kuk Jockey Club Pak Tam Chung Holiday Camp as quarantine centre for quarantining asymptomatic close contacts. To cope with the quarantine need in future, the DH is contacting holiday villages under other non-governmental organisations as potential sites of quarantine centres.

The Government acknowledges and understands that there is concern among some residents in the North District of the requisition of Fai Ming Estate. Representatives of relevant government departments will attend North District Council meeting this Wednesday to explain and discuss on the issue. Meanwhile, the Government will cease the related preparation work in Fai Ming Estate.