

Clerical Grade staff member of Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre preliminarily tests positive for COVID-19

The Lai Chi Kok Reception Centre (LCKRC) today (July 30) learned that a Clerical Grade staff member has preliminarily tested positive for the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The staff member works in the Administration Block of LCKRC and is responsible for clerical duties. She has no contact with persons in custody or members of the public. She last performed her duties this Monday (July 27) and felt unwell this Tuesday (July 28). After seeking medical treatment at a government clinic, she was notified this afternoon to have preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member is now undergoing home isolation and treatment in hospital is being arranged. The staff member has no recent travel history. She has been wearing surgical masks when performing duties and has properly maintained social distancing with people she has had contact with. Her body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening at work.

The colleagues with close contact with the staff member are asymptomatic. The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has liaised with the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) to arrange for those officers to undergo COVID-19 testing. Thorough cleaning and disinfection has also been arranged immediately for the floor concerned.

CSD is highly concerned about the epidemic of COVID-19 and has remained highly vigilant since the epidemic broke out. Relevant hygienic measures for prevention of infectious diseases have been strictly implemented in accordance with the established mechanism. In addition, a series of disease prevention and disinfection measures have been put in place, including requiring staff members to check body temperatures and wear masks before and when performing duties respectively. All working locations in the institution also undergo cleaning and disinfection regularly. The staff members are also reminded by the management to consult a doctor promptly if they have any discomforting symptoms.