

Four subcontractor staff of Water Supplies Department contractor test or preliminarily test positive for COVID-19

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) today (August 11) said that the department was notified by the contractor for construction of Tong Hang No. 3 Fresh Water Service Reservoir in Fanling that four staff of its subcontractor have tested or preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19.

A staff member of the subcontractor had preliminarily tested positive on August 7. The contractor immediately suspended the onsite operation, including the site office, on the same day. The subcontractor's staff member was tested positive on August 8. Nine staff of the subcontractor who had close contact with the staff member who tested positive were arranged to stay at quarantine centres by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The WSD was notified yesterday (August 10) that two of the nine staff were tested and preliminarily tested positive. In addition, the WSD was notified this morning that one more staff member has preliminarily tested positive. The four staff are now under treatment.

The contractor thoroughly cleaned and disinfected the site, including the site office, on August 8 and all personnel of the project were arranged to undergo COVID-19 testing. The department will maintain close liaison with the CHP. All personnel of the project have been reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.