

## SWD staff member tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) today (January 30) said that a staff member of the Finance Branch has tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The staff member had no contact with members of the public in his daily work. He last performed duties on the 23rd floor of Southorn Centre from January 24 to 26 and on the 10th floor of Wu Chung House on January 28. He had been wearing a mask when performing duties. His body temperature was normal when undergoing temperature screening during work.

Thorough cleaning and disinfection has been arranged at the premises concerned. The SWD will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health to take follow-up action as appropriate. The SWD offices on the 23rd floor of Southorn Centre, including the service counter of the Payment Control Section, and on the 10th floor of Wu Chung House will be closed tomorrow (January 31).

During the pandemic, the department has been strictly implementing various disease prevention measures, including measuring the body temperature of people entering the office and providing masks and other personal protective equipment for staff. Staff members are reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene and to stay vigilant. They should seek medical advice immediately if feeling unwell.