

Firing practice for March 2020

Firing practice will take place at two military sites, namely the San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range and the Tsing Shan Firing Range, next month (March).

Red flags or red lamps will be hoisted at the firing areas before and during firing practice. For their safety, people are advised not to enter the firing area.

Following are the dates and times for the firing practice sessions in March 2020:

San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range

Date	Time
March 2 (Monday)	8am-9pm
March 3 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
March 4 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
March 5 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
March 6 (Friday)	8am-9pm
March 9 (Monday)	8am-9pm
March 10 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
March 11 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
March 12 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
March 13 (Friday)	8am-9pm
March 16 (Monday)	8am-9pm
March 17 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
March 18 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
March 19 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
March 20 (Friday)	8am-9pm
March 23 (Monday)	8am-9pm
March 24 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
March 25 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
March 26 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
March 27 (Friday)	8am-9pm
March 30 (Monday)	8am-9pm
March 31 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm

Tsing Shan Firing Range

Date	Time
March 2 (Monday)	8am-9pm
March 3 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
March 4 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
March 5 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
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March 9 (Monday)	8am-9pm
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Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

Missing woman in Sheung Shui located

A woman who went missing in Sheung Shui has been located.

Chu Ying-fung, aged 70, went missing after she left her residence in Tin Ping Estate on February 19 night. Her family made a report to Police on February 22.

The woman was located on Sa Po Road, Kowloon City last night (February 25). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

CHP investigates four additional cases of COVID-19

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 8pm today (February 25), the CHP is investigating four additional cases of COVID-19, taking the number of confirmed cases to 85 in Hong Kong so far.

The first confirmed case today involves a 33-year-old man (the 82nd case) who is the son of the 72nd case confirmed on February 23. The patient with good past health lives in Choi Tin House, Hing Tin Estate in Lam Tin. He developed fever on February 20 and consulted a private doctor on February 22

and then developed cough on February 24. He was transferred to United Christian Hospital (UCH) and admitted for treatment on February 24 following the CHP's epidemiological investigations. His respiratory sample was tested positive for COVID-19 virus and is now in a stable condition. He had no travel history during the incubation period. His mother who lives with him is asymptomatic and is currently under quarantine.

The second and third cases involves a 55-year-old mother (the 83rd case) and her 24-year-old son (the 84th case). Both have good past health and live in Hong Fook Court, Bedford Gardens in North Point. The female patient developed cough since February 17. She sought medical advice at Ruttonjee Hospital and was admitted for treatment on February 24. Her respiratory sample was tested positive for COVID-19 virus and is now in a stable condition. The patient had no travel history during the incubation period. She is the younger sister of the patient of the 76th case confirmed yesterday and had visited a Buddhist temple named Fook Wai Ching She in Maylun Apartments where she met with the patient of the 76th case in February.

Her son who lives with her is asymptomatic and did not visit Fook Wai Ching She. His respiratory sample was tested positive for COVID-19 virus and he is now in a stable condition. The patient had no travel history during the incubation period. Other family members living with the two patients, including the female patient's husband, daughter and mother-in-law are all asymptomatic and will be arranged for quarantine.

The CHP's epidemiological investigations revealed that the 83rd cases announced today together with the patients of the 65th, 70th, 73rd, 74th, 76th and 77th cases announced earlier (7 patients in total) had all visited Fook Wai Ching She in January or February. Those who also had visited the temple during the above period and developed relevant symptoms later, are urged to call the CHP hotline.

The CHP earlier collected a number of environmental samples from Fook Wai Ching She. Laboratory results revealed that two specimens were tested positive for COVID-19 virus. Investigation is ongoing.

The fourth case today involves a 60-year-old woman (the 85th case). The patient with good past health lives at Block 4, Swiss Towers at 113 Tai Hang Road, Tai Hang. She developed cough on February 12 and consulted a private doctor for several times. She was admitted to Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital on February 24 and transferred to Queen Mary Hospital for isolation and treatment today. Her respiratory sample was tested positive for COVID-19 virus and she is now in a stable condition. She had no travel history during the incubation period. She lives with her husband, son and two helpers. Investigation is ongoing.

The CHP's epidemiological investigations and relevant contact tracing on the confirmed cases are ongoing. Quarantine will be arranged for close contacts while medical surveillance will be arranged for other contacts. For the progress on the contact tracing of the cases, please see annex.

A spokesman for the CHP said, "According to our preliminary

epidemiological investigations, some of the confirmed cases are locally infected. The CHP strongly urged the public to maintain at all times strict personal and environmental hygiene which is key to personal protection against infection and prevention of the spread of the disease in the community."

The spokesman said, "On the personal level, members of the public should wear a surgical mask when having respiratory symptoms, taking public transport or staying in crowded places. They should also perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes. The public should go out less and reduce social activities, and maintain appropriate social distance with other people as far as possible."

"As for household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps); after using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

The CHP will report the cases to the World Health Organization, National Health Commission, Health Commission of Guangdong Province and Health Bureau of Macao.

The CHP has set up a hotline (2125 1122) for public enquiries. The hotline operates from 8am to midnight daily. As at 4pm today, a total of 20 808 calls were received.

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html) for announcing the latest updates on various news on COVID-19 infection and health advice to help the public grasp the latest updates.

To prevent pneumonia and respiratory tract infection, members of the public should always maintain good personal and environmental hygiene. They are advised to:

- Wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask;
- Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes; after touching public installations such as handrails or door knobs; or when hands are contaminated by respiratory secretions after coughing or sneezing;
- Maintain drainage pipes properly and regularly (about once a week) pour about half a liter of water into each drain outlet (U-traps) to ensure environmental hygiene;
- After using the toilet, put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs;
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water, and rub for at least 20 seconds. Then rinse with water and dry with a disposable paper towel. If hand washing facilities are not available, or when hands are not visibly soiled, performing hand hygiene with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub is an

effective alternative;

- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissues into a lidded rubbish bin, then wash hands thoroughly; and
 - When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending class at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly.
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CE visits Government Logistics Department and grass roots in Sham Shui Po (with photos/video)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, visited the Government Logistics Department (GLD)'s Government Logistics Centre in Chai Wan this afternoon (February 25), expressing her gratitude to personnel of the GLD for their hard work in procuring surgical masks and their participation in various aspects of anti-epidemic work. She also learned about the department's arrangement to distribute the donated surgical masks received by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government from various sectors to non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Mrs Lam then joined representatives of the Society for Community Organization (SoCO) to conduct visits to grass-roots elderly people and distribute surgical masks and daily necessities to them.

Accompanied by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau; the Director of the Chief Executive's Office, Mr Chan Kwok-ki; and the Director of Government Logistics, Miss Mary Chow, Mrs Lam visited the Government Logistics Centre to learn more about different means adopted by the personnel of the GLD to procure personal protective equipment globally, in particular surgical masks. She said she understood that under the current situation of tight global supply of surgical masks, the GLD is facing tremendous difficulties in its procurement with various restrictions and the surgical masks ordered invariably not being delivered as scheduled. Noting that the Anti-epidemic Fund approved by the Legislative Council has already set aside \$1 billion for global procurement, Mrs Lam expressed the hope that the GLD will make full use of the related resources to procure the relevant supplies swiftly in the competitive international market. After meeting the priority needs for surgical masks of the healthcare staff and government departments in their anti-epidemic work, these surgical masks can also be shared with the community, in particular staff members of the relevant sectors and the underprivileged.

Given the persistent tight global supply of surgical masks, the Chief Executive decided earlier to pass all surgical masks donated by various

sectors to the HKSAR Government to NGOs so that they can redistribute them to the underprivileged, primarily the elderly. During a briefing by colleagues of the GLD on the related work, Mrs Lam said she was pleased to note that they will pass the surgical masks to NGOs as soon as they receive them for distribution to the underprivileged. Noting that personnel of the GLD have taken up heavy logistical and transport work for anti-epidemic work, Mrs Lam thanked them for their tireless contributions and praised them as heroes behind the scenes in the Government's anti-epidemic work.

Together with the Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, Mrs Lam then joined a SoCO activity to distribute surgical masks to the elderly living in subdivided flats in Sham Shui Po. SoCO is one of the NGOs being allocated the surgical masks donated by private organisations to the Government. During her visit to residents, Mrs Lam said that the Government will spare no effort to increase housing supply to improve the living environment of the grass roots. She also briefed the elderly people on the support measures rolled out by the Government recently.

"I thank various sectors for donating surgical masks to people in need amid the epidemic, expressing care for the community. I appeal to all members of the public to continue to be united, support the Government's work to tackle the disease, stay at home as much as possible to reduce social contact and fight the disease together," Mrs Lam said.



