

CHP provides latest information on pneumonia cases of novel coronavirus infection in Wuhan

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) last night (January 16) received notification from the National Health Commission (NHC) on the latest information on the pneumonia cases of novel coronavirus infection detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province. The public is again urged to maintain strict personal, food and environmental hygiene both locally and during travel.

According to the information from the NHC, as of yesterday, one additional death of the novel coronavirus infection in Wuhan was recorded. The patient, a 69-year-old male, developed symptoms on December 31 last year. His condition deteriorated on January 4 this year and he passed away on January 15.

As of yesterday, the total number of novel coronavirus infections in Wuhan remained at 41 cases. Among them, 12 patients have been discharged, five patients are in serious condition and two died, while the remaining patients are in stable condition. A total of 763 close contacts have been identified. All have been put under medical surveillance with 644 of them having completed the surveillance, and no related cases have been detected so far.

A dedicated webpage (www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html) has been set up by the CHP to provide relevant information and health advice. To address the public's concern, the CHP will announce the details of cases fulfilling the reporting criteria (www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/enhanced_sur_pneumonia_wuhan_eng.pdf) on the above webpage daily to enhance transparency.

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

- 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;
- 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.

The public should take heed of the health advice below when travelling outside Hong Kong:

- Avoid visiting hospitals. If it is necessary to visit a hospital, put on a surgical mask and observe strict personal and hand hygiene;
- Avoid touching animals (including game), poultry/birds or their droppings;
- Avoid visiting wet markets, live poultry markets or farms;
- Avoid making close contact with patients, especially those with symptoms of acute respiratory infections;
- Do not consume game meat and do not patronise food premises where game meat is served;
- Adhere to food safety and hygiene rules such as avoiding consuming raw or undercooked animal products, including milk, eggs and meat, or foods which may be contaminated by animal secretions, excretions (such as urine) or contaminated products, unless they have been properly cooked, washed or peeled;
- If feeling unwell when outside Hong Kong, especially if having a fever or cough, wear a surgical mask, inform the hotel staff or tour escort and seek medical advice at once; and
- After returning to Hong Kong, consult a doctor promptly if having a fever or other symptoms, take the initiative to inform the doctor of any recent travel history and any exposure to animals, and wear a surgical mask to help prevent spread of the disease.

[Special traffic arrangements for Victoria Park Lunar New Year Fair](#)

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in Causeway Bay and Tin Hau to facilitate members of the public visiting Victoria Park Lunar New Year Fair.

A. Pedestrianisation

The following roads will be pedestrianised from noon to 11.59pm on January 19, daily from 4pm to 11.59pm from January 20 to 23, and from 4pm on January 24 to 8am on the following day:

- Lockhart Road east of Cannon Street;

- East Point Road; and
- Great George Street west of Paterson Street.

B. Road closure

The following roads may be closed daily from 10am to 23.59pm from January 19 to 23:

- The access road of Electric Road to the car park of Park Towers between Yacht Street and Hing Fat Street, except for vehicles heading to Park Towers car park;
- Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street, except for franchised buses and green minibuses (GMBs);
- The lay-by on Hing Fat Street near Lau Li Street;
- Lau Li Street between Hing Fat Street and Ngan Mok Street (parking meters and disabled parking spaces will not be affected); and
- If necessary, half lane of Electric Road between Gordon Road and Yacht Street will be closed to extend the pedestrian area.

The following roads may be closed daily from 4pm to 23.59pm from January 19 to 23:

- Sugar Street;
- Northbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and Great George Street;
- Great George Street;
- Paterson Street;
- Cleveland Street;
- Northbound Gloucester Road between Great George Street and Tai Hang Road flyover (northbound Tai Hang flyover towards Central will remain open unless the crowd situation warrants the closure);
- Kingston Street; and
- Southbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and Causeway Bay flyover.

The following roads may be closed daily from 4pm to 11.59pm on January 22 and 23:

- Lockhart Road east of Percival Street;
- Jaffe Road east of Percival Street; and
- Cannon Street.

The following roads will be closed on January 24 by stages:

Stage 1 (from 10am or when necessary)

- Electric Road between Lau Li Street and Hing Fat Street, except for vehicles heading to Park Towers car park;
- Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street, except for franchised buses and GMBs;
- The lay-by on Hing Fat Street near Lau Li Street;
- Lau Li Street between Hing Fat Street and Ngan Mok Street; and
- If necessary, half lane of Electric Road between Gordon Road and Yacht Street will be closed to extend the pedestrian area.

Stage 2 $i\frac{1}{4}$ ^from 4pm or when necessary $i\frac{1}{4}\%$

- Sugar Street; and
- Northbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and Great George Street.

Stage 3A $i\frac{1}{4}$ ^from 5pm or when necessary $i\frac{1}{4}\%$

- Cleveland Street;
- Kingston Street;
- Paterson Street;
- Great George Street between Paterson Street and Gloucester Road; and
- Jardine's Bazaar.

Stage 3B $i\frac{1}{4}$ ^from 7pm or when necessary, except for franchised buses, GMBs and trams $i\frac{1}{4}\%$

- Eastbound Hennessy Road between Percival Street and East Point Road;
- Yee Wo Street;
- The leftmost lane of Pennington Street between Irving Street and Yee Wo Street;
- Eastbound Causeway Road between King's Road and Moreton Terrace;
- Westbound Hennessy Road between Jardine's Bazaar and Percival Street; and
- Irving Street.

Stage 4A (from 8pm or when necessary)

- Lockhart Road east of Percival Street;
- Jaffe Road east of Percival Street;
- Cannon Street; and
- Shelter Street.

Stage 4B (from 9pm or when necessary)

- Southbound Gloucester Road between Causeway Road and the down ramp of Causeway Bay flyover;
- Tai Hang Road flyover;
- Northbound Causeway Bay flyover;
- If necessary, the leftmost lane of Causeway Road between Tung Lo Wan Road (eastern section) and Tung Lo Wan Road (western section); and
- If necessary, Hing Fat Street between Causeway Road and Lau Li Street, except for franchised buses and GMBs.

C. Traffic diversions

Lau Li Street between Electric Road and Hing Fat Street will be re-routed one-way westbound with no access for public light buses from 5pm or when necessary on January 24.

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 9pm or when necessary on January 24:

- Vehicles heading for southbound Tai Hang Road flyover will be diverted to eastbound Victoria Park Road, Wing Hing Street and King's Road; and

– Vehicles heading for northbound Tai Hang Road flyover will be diverted to Tung Lo Wan Road, Moreton Terrace and Leighton Road for Central and Western District direction.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

All car parks and vehicular accesses within the closed roads will be suspended until further notice.

All parking spaces in Hing Fat Street Car Park will be suspended from 10am on January 22 to 10am on January 25, except for disabled parking spaces.

All on-street public parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 2pm on January 24 to 8am the following day:

- The closed roads mentioned above;
- Tung Lo Wan Road;
- Lockhart Road between Canal Road East and Cannon Street;
- Jaffe Road between Canal Road East and Cannon Street;
- Tsing Fung Street; and
- Lau Li Street.

E. Prohibition to learner drivers

Learner drivers cannot use the following roads from 4pm on January 24 to 8am the following day:

- Leighton Road;
- Tin Lok Lane;
- Caroline Hill Road;
- Eastern Hospital Road;
- Tai Hang Road north of Lai Tak Tsuen Road;
- Tung Lo Wan Road;
- Electric Road south of Gordon Road;
- Morrison Hill Road north of Queen's Road East;
- Hennessy Road;
- Yee Wo Street;
- Causeway Road;
- King's Road;
- Gloucester Road service road;
- Hing Fat Street;
- Westbound Tin Hau Temple Road west of Cloud View Road; and
- Eastbound Wan Chai Road.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport to go to the Fair.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of special traffic arrangements may be towed away without prior warning or subjected to multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Motorists are advised to drive

with care and patience and follow the instructions of the Police on site.

Contractor fined for violation of safety legislation

Temmex Brothers Engineering Limited was fined \$72,500 at Shatin Magistrates' Courts today (January 17) for violation of the Factories and Industrial Undertakings Ordinance, the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations and the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulation. The prosecutions were launched by the Labour Department.

The case involved a fatal accident that occurred on April 16, 2019, at a building construction site in Tai Po. While a worker was dismantling a falsework that supported a wooden platform inside a lift shaft under construction, the wooden platform suddenly collapsed and trapped him between the platform and the falsework. He sustained serious bodily injuries and passed away on the same day.

Meetings of Legislative Council Committees

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

Details of the meetings of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Committees to be held in the LegCo Complex during the week from January 20 to 24 are available in the meeting schedule attached.

The information in the meeting schedule is subject to change. Please refer to the "LegCo Calendar" on the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk) for the latest details of meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to observe open meetings of LegCo Committees. Interested individuals and groups are advised to make advance booking of seats by calling the LegCo Secretariat at 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also listen to or watch all open meetings via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

Public hospital daily update on Wuhan-related cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at noon today (January 17), public hospitals had reported to the Department of Health (DH) the admission of four patients in the past 24 hours who had been to Wuhan in the past 14 days and presented with fever, respiratory infection or pneumonia symptoms.

Specimens of the patients concerned have been sent to the DH for testing. Currently, there are six patients still under isolation and in stable condition. There are currently no patients confirmed as being infected with novel coronavirus in public hospitals.

	Hospital	Age	Gender
1.	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	43	M
2.	Princess Margaret Hospital	34	M
3.	Princess Margaret Hospital	24	F
4.	Queen Mary Hospital	42	M

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.