

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.

Red flag hoisted at Silverstrand Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (December 2) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Silverstrand Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Red fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

The fire danger situation today (December 2) is red and fire risk is extreme. The countryside is extremely vulnerable to fire. If you are planning to spend the day in the countryside, please take pre-cooked food for a picnic and take all measures to prevent hill fires. The penalty for lighting fires illegally in the countryside is \$25,000 and a year's imprisonment.

Police conduct dispersal operation in Whampoa

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

Starting from the evening, rioters have been blocking roads and inflicting extensive damages to the Whampoa area. Some rioters assaulted a passer-by near Man Tai Street, endangering public safety and order.

While Police officers were handling the case at scene, rioters hurled bricks at them, seriously threatening the personal safety of Police officers and other members of the public thereat. Police officers had no other alternatives but deployed the minimum necessary force, including tear gas, to conduct dispersal operation.

Police appeal to members of the public to avoid travelling to the areas concerned. Residents in the area are advised to stay tuned to the latest announcements, stay indoors, and keep their windows shut, if necessary.

Early closure of Hung Hom Methadone Clinic today

The Department of Health has announced that owing to the situation in Hung Hom, Hung Hom Methadone Clinic has already been closed today (December 1).

Please visit the following website for the information of methadone clinics:

www.dh.gov.hk/english/tele/tele_chc/tele_chc_mc.html