

Assistant Clerk of Works of Housing Department tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

â€‹The Housing Department yesterday (February 8) learned that an Assistant Clerk of Works had tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

After the officer learned that one of his relatives whom he had met previously was a confirmed case, he took a COVID-19 test and tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 yesterday.

He worked at the off-site site office at On Lok Factory Building on Kowloon City Road. He last worked in the office on February 4. He did not have contact with the public while performing duties in the office recently. He had been wearing masks and following relevant disease prevention measures at work. The office has been fully cleaned and sterilised in accordance with the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

The Housing Department will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP and co-operate with its disease prevention measures and quarantine work.

CAS members preliminarily test positive for COVID-19

â€‹The Civil Aid Service (CAS) has learned that two of its members preliminarily tested positive for COVID-19 today (February 9). The CAS is highly concerned about the cases.

The two members were on duty from the afternoon till the night on February 7 and 8 respectively at the Penny's Bay Quarantine Centre (PBQC) and they had used some of the facilities in the CAS Headquarters before reporting for duty and after going off duty. Thorough cleaning and disinfection has been arranged for those facilities. Those who have been to the locations during the specified periods have to undergo testing and their duties will be suspended until they have obtained the test results. Given that the locations subject to compulsory testing are limited, it is estimated that only a small number of CAS personnel are required to undergo compulsory testing and there will be no impact on the management of the PBQC.

The PBQC has arranged thorough cleaning and disinfection of the areas where the two members worked. As all of the personnel who were on duty at the

PBQC wore suitable personal protective gear, no other personnel have been listed as close contacts and have been required to undergo quarantine by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) so far.

The CAS has strengthened the cleaning and disinfection of the workspace of the CAS Headquarters and will maintain close liaison with the CHP to help trace suspected infections. Meanwhile, all CAS members and departmental staff have been reminded to strictly follow and implement various disease prevention measures, as well as enhance the efforts to observe personal hygiene.

Currently, the CAS manpower is sufficient and the service provided at different quarantine facilities remains normal.

Correctional officers stop person in custody committing self-harm

Correctional officers stopped a person in custody committing self-harm in Stanley Prison today (February 9).

At 1.17pm today, a 29-year-old male person in custody was found cutting his wrist with a piece of homemade metal plate inside the workshop. Officers at the scene immediately stopped him and called for reinforcement. The person in custody was found conscious. He was required to be sent to a public hospital for further treatment after receiving an examination and treatment by the institution Medical Officer.

A clinical psychologist of the department will follow up on the case.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department uses all possible measures to prevent persons in custody from attempting suicide or self-harm. These measures include administrative arrangements, improvement of institutional facilities, staff training and first aid services."

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of possession of offensive weapon in public place in October 2021.

Government Logistics Department staff member tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The Government Logistics Department (GLD) today (February 9) said that a ganger has tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The staff member concerned felt unwell on February 6 and underwent testing for COVID-19 on the following day. He tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19 today (February 9). The staff member concerned works at the Government Logistics Centre, 11 Chong Fu Road, Chai Wan, and does not have contact with the public in his daily work. He last went to work on January 31. He had worn face masks while performing duties in the office and observed other anti-epidemic measures.

The GLD has conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the workplace concerned. Staff who had contact with the staff member concerned have already undergone COVID-19 testing according to the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and will work from home while waiting for the results.

The GLD will continue to strictly implement various anti-epidemic measures. Staff have also been reminded to pay attention to personal hygiene, stay vigilant at all times and seek medical advice immediately if they feel unwell and inform the department accordingly.

Cleaning worker employed by Housing Department contractor at Tsz Lok Estate tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The Housing Department (HD) learned on February 7 that a cleaning worker employed by the contractor working at Tsz Lok Estate had tested preliminarily positive for COVID-19.

The cleaning worker is responsible for cleaning works at Tsz Lok Estate Property Services Management Office. She last performed duties on February 7. She has no recent travel history. She has been wearing face masks and observing relevant disease prevention measures at work.

The Property Services Management Office of Tsz Lok Estate had been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). All staff working in the same office were recommended to take the COVID-19 test.

The HD will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP and co-operate with its disease prevention measures and quarantine work.