

## **Financial assistance provided by Government to persons affected by rainstorm disaster**

The Government has various funds for providing financial assistance to persons affected by natural disasters, persons affected by the current rainstorm disaster may apply to the relevant departments according their needs. To facilitate the public in seeking appropriate assistance, the scope of assistance, method of application and contact details of different departments responsible for the funds are listed in the Annex.

"The Government is sympathetic to the situation of those affected. The relevant departments will process the applications received as soon as practicable in order to disburse the emergency funds of approved applications within the shortest time possible," the spokesman said.

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## **Full or partial reopening of three sports centres**

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (September 9) that Quarry Bay Sports Centre in Eastern District, Fat Kwong Street Sports Centre and Kowloon City Sports Centre (Number Two Squash Court of that centre will remain closed until further notice) in Kowloon City District will be reopened at 7am tomorrow(September 10).

These venues were temporarily closed earlier for clearance and urgent repair works.

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## **CHP investigates case of severe paediatric influenza A infection**

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (September 9) investigating a case of severe paediatric influenza A infection and reminded the community to heighten vigilance against influenza.

The case involves a 14-month-old girl with good past health. She has presented with cough, runny nose and fever since September 1, and visited a family doctor on September 4. She later presented with diarrhoea on September 7 and attended Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital the next day (September 8) due to worsening symptoms. She was admitted for treatment on the same day. Her respiratory specimen was positive for influenza A (H3) virus upon laboratory testing. The clinical diagnosis was influenza A infection complicated with shock. She is now in serious condition and is still being hospitalised.

Initial enquiries by the CHP revealed that the patient had no travel history during the incubation period. Five of her home contacts presented with respiratory symptoms. The CHP's investigations are ongoing.

A spokesman for the CHP stated that the public should maintain good personal and environmental hygiene against influenza and other respiratory illnesses and note the following:

- Surgical masks can prevent transmission of respiratory viruses from ill persons. It is essential for persons who are symptomatic (even if having mild symptoms) to wear a surgical mask;
- For high-risk persons (e.g. persons with underlying medical conditions or persons who are immunocompromised), wear a surgical mask when taking public transport or staying in crowded places. It is important to wear a mask properly, including performing hand hygiene before wearing and after removing a mask;
- Avoid touching one's eyes, mouth and nose;
- Wash hands with liquid soap and water properly whenever possibly contaminated;
- When hands are not visibly soiled, clean them with 70 to 80 per cent alcohol-based handrub;
- Cover the mouth and nose with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing. Dispose of soiled tissue paper properly into a lidded rubbish bin, and wash hands thoroughly afterwards;
- Maintain good indoor ventilation;
- When having respiratory symptoms, wear a surgical mask, refrain from work or attending classes at school, avoid going to crowded places and seek medical advice promptly; and
- Maintain a balanced diet, perform physical activity regularly, take adequate rest, do not smoke and avoid overstress.

The public may visit the CHP's [influenza page](#) and weekly [COVID-19 & Flu Express](#) for more information.

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## Arrangement for service resumption of Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong East Cluster made the following announcement today (September 9):

The Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club General Out-patient Clinic (address: 1/F, 8 Chai Wan Road, Shau Kei Wan) will resume operation tomorrow (September 10). Due to the condition of the pavement, the main entrance of the clinic will remain closed. Patients are advised to follow instructions of clinic staff and access the clinic by the entrance at the carpark gate.

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## Update on cluster of COVID-19 cases in Kwai Chung Hospital

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of patients infected with COVID-19 in a post-admission ward, the spokesperson for Kwai Chung Hospital made the following update today (September 9):

Following a contact tracing investigation, two more female patients (aged 66 and 67) in the ward have presented with fever symptom and tested positive for COVID-19. The patients concerned are being treated in isolation and are in stable condition.

Admission to the ward and visiting arrangements have been suspended. Infection control measures have already been stepped up according to established guidelines. All other patients in the ward are under close surveillance.

The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow up.