

Two persons arrested for suspected of violating Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation

The Department of Health (DH) today (May 8) laid holding charges against a 29-year-old man with one count of giving false or misleading information, and a 31-year-old woman with one count of failing to comply the requirement to give information, contrary to section 3(4) and section 3(2) of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation (Cap. 599D) respectively.

The two persons are patients of cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) confirmed earlier by the CHP of the DH. During the CHP's epidemiological investigation of the confirmed cases, the man was suspected giving false or misleading information to an authorised officer on April 16, 2021, while the woman was suspected failing to comply the requirement to give information to an authorised officer on April 17, 2021. The man and the woman were arrested today and the case will be mentioned at Kowloon City Magistracy on May 10, 2021.

A spokesman for the DH said that it is a grossly irresponsible act in concealing or providing false or misleading information to an authorised officer as this may hinder contact tracing process and pose serious threat to public health. The spokesman reiterated that resolute actions will be taken against anyone who has breached the relevant regulations.

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme statistics

€€€€€The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for the 72nd day since February 26, 2021.

So far, about 1 704 400 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered for members of the public (please see Annex 1). Among them, about 1 055 500 persons have received their first dose, with about 473 200 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 582 400 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine. About 648 900 persons have received their second dose, with about 338 200 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 310 700 persons

receiving the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 8pm today (May 8), about 42 000 persons have received vaccination and about 11 300 new vaccination bookings have been made online, detailed as follows:

(i) About 4 900 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 3 300 persons vaccinated at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 1 600 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme;

(ii) about 4 000 persons received their second dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 2 800 persons vaccinated at CVCs and about 1 200 persons at private doctors and clinics;

(iii) about 12 200 persons received their first dose of the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs, and about 20 900 persons received their second dose of the BioNTech vaccine;

(iv) the overall percentage of people who have received the Sinovac vaccine at CVCs is about 96 per cent; while the overall percentage of people who have received the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs is about 97 per cent; and

(v) about 2 700 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine, while about 8 600 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 16 cases of ambulance transfers to hospitals. Among them, 10 persons were discharged, five persons were admitted for observation and one person left the hospital without seeking any consultation (please see Annex 2).

As background information, in the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 44 cases of stroke or myocardial infarction that required admission to the Intensive Care Unit, Acute Stroke Unit and Cardiac Care Unit of public hospitals. The state of new cases admitted to the wards concerned is provided as a cross reference to enhance fuller public understanding of cases of the kind recorded on vaccine recipients.

[Updates on report of suspected serious adverse event with history of COVID-19](#)

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The Department of Health (DH) has put in place a pharmacovigilance system for COVID-19 immunisations, including receiving reports of Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFIs) related to the COVID-19 vaccines used in Hong Kong from healthcare professionals and pharmaceutical industries, and setting up the Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment Following COVID-19 Immunisation (Expert Committee) to provide independent assessment on the potential causal link between AEFIs and COVID-19 vaccination. The main purpose of the pharmacovigilance system is to detect potential signals of possible side effects of the vaccines.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), an AEFI is any medical occurrence that follows immunisation and that does not necessarily have a causal relationship with the usage of the vaccine. The Expert Committee conducts causality assessments based on the WHO algorithm for suspected serious adverse events.

As of May 2, 2021, a total of 11 785 persons were infected with COVID-19 and 210 died of the disease in Hong Kong. Separately, there were about 1 491 900 doses of COVID-19 vaccines administered and a total of 2 402 AEFI reports (0.16 per cent of all doses administered) were reported. A total of 16 death reports (0.001 per cent of all doses administered) with vaccination history within 14 days were received in the same period. The Expert Committee concluded that four cases had no causal relationship with COVID-19 vaccination, and the rest were preliminary considered not associated with COVID-19 vaccination. The Expert Committee considered the existing available information of the reported cases so far does not show any causal relationship with COVID-19 vaccination.

As of 4pm today (May 8), the DH has received two death cases reported as suspected serious adverse events with history of COVID-19 vaccination within 14 days from the Hospital Authority (HA) in the past 24 hours (please refer to Annex). The reports did not provide clinical evidence to support that the events were caused by the vaccine. The DH has contacted the HA upon receiving the reports to obtain further information to facilitate a causality assessment. So far, there is no clinical evidence indicating that the events were caused by the vaccine. The HA has referred the cases to the Coroner. Also, the DH will pass the cases based on the established mechanism to the Expert Committee for conducting causality assessment.

Labour Department investigates fatal

work accident on Lamma Island

The Labour Department (LD) is investigating a fatal work accident that happened on Lamma Island this morning (May 8) in which a man died.

The LD immediately deployed staff to the scene upon receiving a report of the accident, and is now conducting an investigation to look into its cause.

Appeal for information on missing man in Kwun Tong (with photo)

Police today (May 8) appealed to the public for information on a man who went missing in Kwun Tong.

Lau Ka-yin, aged 24, went missing after he left his residence on Pik Wan Road on May 6 evening. His family made a report to Police on the next day.

He is about 1.75 metres tall, 54 kilograms in weight and of thin build. He has a pointed face with yellow complexion and short curly brown hair. He was last seen wearing a black jacket, white T-shirt, black trousers and black and white shoes.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing man or may have seen him is urged to contact the Regional Missing Persons Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0321 or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.

