

## Labour Department's occupational health public talk cancelled

In view of the constraints of the venue during the epidemic, the Labour Department announced today (March 8) that the occupational health public talk entitled "Prevention of lower limb disorders and guidance notes on standing at work" scheduled for March 11 at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum has been cancelled. Enrolled participants will be informed of the cancellation individually.

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## Effective Exchange Rate Index

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Monday, March 8, 2021 is 101.6 (up 0.1 against last Saturday's index).

The effective exchange rate index for the Hong Kong dollar on Saturday, March 6, 2021 was 101.5 (up 0.3 against last Friday's index).

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## FEHD orders Kowloon City restaurant to suspend business for 21 days

The Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene has ordered a restaurant in Kowloon City to suspend business for 21 days as the operator repeatedly breached the Food Business Regulation (FBR) by extending the business area illegally and altering or adding to the matters specified in the approved plan of the food premises.

The shop, Ho Ho Kitchen, located at Shop A1 and A2 on the ground floor of 45 Carpenter Road, Kowloon City, was ordered to suspend business from today (March 8) to March 28.

"In June, November and December last year, four convictions for the above-mentioned breaches were recorded against the shop. A total fine of \$10,000 was levied by the court and 45 demerit points were registered against the licensee under the department's demerit points system. The contraventions resulted in a seven-day and a 14-day licence suspension running consecutively," a spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

(FEHD) said.

The spokesman reminded the licensees of food premises to comply with the FBR or their licences could be suspended or cancelled.

Licensed food premises are required to exhibit a sign, at a conspicuous place near the main entrance, indicating that the premises have been licensed. A list of licensed food premises is available on the FEHD's website ([www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html](http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/licensing/index.html)).

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## [US Dollar Liquidity Facility tender notice](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority:

US Dollar Liquidity Facility tender notice:

Tender date	:	March 10, 2021 (Wednesday)
Tender submission time	:	9am to noon
Settlement date	:	March 11, 2021 (Thursday)
Repayment date	:	March 18, 2021 (Thursday)
Tenor	:	Seven days
Amount on offer	:	US\$10,000 Million

Note: Licensed Banks interested in participating in the tender for the first time are encouraged to provide US dollar settlement instructions by email ([settlementsection@hkma.gov.hk](mailto:settlementsection@hkma.gov.hk)) to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Settlement Team in advance, preferably two days prior to the tender. Required information includes name of corresponding bank, name of final beneficiary (must be the Licensed Bank participating in the tender), and account or CHIPS number of a US dollar bank account to be settled in the US. Such information needs to be provided once only, unless there is further change.

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## [CHP investigates nine additional confirmed cases of COVID-19](#)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH)



The spokesman said, "Given that the situation of COVID-19 infection remains severe and that there is a continuous increase in the number of cases reported around the world, members of the public are strongly urged to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.

"The CHP also strongly urges the public to maintain at all times strict personal and environmental hygiene, which is key to personal protection against infection and prevention of the spread of the disease in the community. On a personal level, members of the public should wear a surgical mask when having respiratory symptoms, taking public transport or staying in crowded places. They should also perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes.

"As for household environmental hygiene, members of the public are advised to maintain drainage pipes properly, regularly pour water into drain outlets (U-traps) and cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use. After using the toilet, they should put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs."

Moreover, the Government has launched the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" ([www.coronavirus.gov.hk](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk)) for announcing the latest updates on various news on COVID-19 infection and health advice to help the public understand the latest updates. Members of the public may also gain access to information via the COVID-19 WhatsApp Helpline launched by the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer. Simply by saving 9617 1823 in their phone contacts or clicking the link [wa.me/85296171823?text=hi](https://wa.me/85296171823?text=hi), they will be able to obtain information on COVID-19 as well as the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app and wristband via WhatsApp.

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

- 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;
- Perform hand hygiene frequently, especially before touching the mouth, nose or eyes, after touching public installations such as handrails or doorknobs, 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 litre of water into each drain outlet (U-trap) to ensure environmental hygiene;
- Cover all floor drain outlets when they are not in use;
- After using the toilet, put the toilet lid down before flushing to avoid spreading germs;
- 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.