

DH received two reports of suspected serious adverse event following COVID-19 vaccination

The Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 6pm today (March 7), two reports were received from the Hospital Authority (HA) in the past 24 hours regarding cases admitted to the intensive care unit (ICU) with suspected serious adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination.

According to the information provided by the HA, the first case involved an 80-year-old man who has history of diabetes, carotid atherosclerosis, hypertension and stroke. He suffered from chest pain on March 6 and sought treatment at Accident & Emergency Department (AED) of Caritas Medical Centre. The patient did not respond well to treatment and was transferred to the ICU for further management on the same night. The provisional diagnosis was acute coronary syndrome and he was in critical condition. According to the information, he received COVID-19 vaccination at Tin Fai Road Sports Centre Community Vaccination Centre, Yuen Long on March 1.

Another case involved a 72-year-old woman who has history of diabetes, hyperlipidaemia, hypertension and hypothyroidism, and received COVID-19 vaccination at Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre Community Vaccination Centre on March 6. She felt malaise after vaccination and skipped two doses of regular insulin. On the morning of March 7, she was found to have decreased general condition by her family member. She was admitted to Prince of Wales Hospital and was found to have severe diabetic ketoacidosis and transferred to the ICU for further treatment.

The DH has immediately contacted the HA upon the notifications to obtain further information on the incidents for conducting investigation and assessment. The DH will provide the cases to the Expert Committee on Clinical Events Assessment Following COVID-19 Immunisation for conducting causality assessment as soon as possible, and the assessment result will be released in a timely manner.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (March 7), 7 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 10 629 patients with

confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 661 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 202 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 213 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 22 public hospitals, a community treatment facility and the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre, among which 13 patients are in critical condition, 14 are in serious condition and the remaining 186 patients are in stable condition.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

Details of the above-mentioned patients are as follows:

Patient condition	Case numbers
Discharged	9822, 10825, 10826, 10889, 10961, 11047, 11063
Critical	1989, 3496, 6125, 6607, 6794, 8018, 8078, 9612, 9907, 10358, 10367, 10851, 10904
Serious	6386, 7076, 7468, 8221, 9055, 9135, 9550, 9793, 10083, 10585, 10865, 10942, 10953, 11055

[CHP investigates 16 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19](#)

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 0.00am, March 7, the CHP was investigating 16 additional confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), taking the number of cases to 11 091 in Hong Kong so far (comprising 11 090 confirmed cases and one probable case).

Among the newly reported cases announced, three are imported cases.

A total of 226 cases have been recorded in the past 14 days (February 21 to March 6), including 187 local cases of which 61 are from unknown sources.

The CHP's epidemiological investigations and relevant contact tracing on the confirmed cases are ongoing. For case details and contact tracing information, please see the Annex or the list of buildings with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and the latest local situation of

COVID-19 available on the website "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk).

Meanwhile, the CHP reminded those who had visited specified venues under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to receive COVID-19 nucleic acid testing according to the compulsory testing notice. The public are also urged to seek medical attention early if symptoms develop.

As a passenger flight (AI1314) operated by Air India (AI) arriving from Dehli of India to Hong Kong on March 4, 2021, had one passenger confirmed to have COVID-19 through specimen collected at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre, while three passengers failed to comply with requirements specified under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H), the DH thus invoked the regulation to prohibit landing of passenger flights from Dehli operated by AI in Hong Kong from March 8 to 21, 2021.

The CHP called on members of the public to avoid going out, having social contact and dining out. They should put on a surgical mask and maintain stringent hand hygiene when they need to go out. The CHP strongly urged the elderly to stay home as far as possible and avoid going out. They should consider asking their family and friends to help with everyday tasks such as shopping for basic necessities.

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) 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, 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.

[Second shipment of Comirnaty vaccine arrives in Hong Kong](#)

The second shipment of about 758 000 doses of the Comirnaty vaccine, jointly developed by Fosun Pharma and BioNTech, arrived in Hong Kong today (March 7). Together with the 585 000 doses delivered to Hong Kong in late February, a total of about 1 343 000 doses of the Comirnaty vaccine has arrived in Hong Kong.

Soon after the arrival of the some 758 000 doses of the Comirnaty vaccine in Hong Kong, staff carried out stringent checking and inspection of the vaccine in accordance with established procedures to ensure that it complies with the product specifications and that the transportation process

follows the relevant cold-chain requirements. The Government would put the vaccine in validated ultra-low temperature freezers to ensure its proper storage in accordance with the temperature specified by the drug manufacturer.

People belonging to the five priority groups can now make reservations through the online booking system on the designated website of the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/) for receiving the Comirnaty vaccine at the seven Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) operated by the Hospital Authority (HA) for the period from March 10 to 30.

Besides, people in the five priority groups can make online bookings to receive the Sinovac vaccine at eight CVCs and 18 HA general out-patient clinics for the period until March 28. They can also make an appointment for vaccination direct with a private doctor or clinic under the programme, without going through the government online booking system. The list of participating private doctors and clinics is available on the designated website of the programme (www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/VSS).

Information about the vaccination venues, including CVCs, general out-patient clinics of the HA, and private doctors and clinics participating in the programme can be found on the GeoInfo Map (www.map.gov.hk/gm/map/s/m/communityvaccinationservicesofcovid-19?lg=en) and the Interactive Map Dashboard of COVID-19 (chp-dashboard.geodata.gov.hk/covid-19/en.html) on the designated website.

Vaccination will protect oneself and others, and reduce the chance of an outbreak of the epidemic in the community. The Government calls on people in the five priority groups to get vaccinated as soon as possible so that Hong Kong's economy and people's daily life can return to normal as soon as possible.

[Correctional officers stop fighting among persons in custody](#)

Correctional officers at Stanley Prison stopped a fight among two persons in custody yesterday (March 6).

At 3.08pm yesterday, two male persons in custody aged 39 and 31 respectively engaged in a fight inside a workshop. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement.

One of the persons in custody sustained injuries to his head and leg and was referred to a public hospital for further treatment after examination and treatment by the institution Medical Officer. Another person in custody sustained injuries to his head and hand. He did not need to be sent out after

receiving medical treatment.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

Both persons in custody were sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug.