

Correctional officers stopped fighting among remand persons in custody

Correctional Officers at Pik Uk Correctional Institution stopped a fight among persons in custody today (February 28).

At 3.36pm today, 16 male remand persons in custody, aged between 15 and 20, engaged in a fight inside the dining hall. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement.

A correctional officer sustained injury to his foot during the process of stopping the fight. After receiving examination and treatment at the institution hospital, he did not need to be sent out to a public hospital. One of the persons in custody involved sustained injury to his face and was referred to a public hospital for further examination and treatment after receiving treatment at the institution hospital. After examination and treatment provided by the institution hospital, the other persons in custody involved did not need to be sent out.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The 16 persons in custody were remanded for the offences of trafficking in a dangerous drug, robbery, theft, etc. respectively.

CHP investigates 22 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) announced that as of 0.00am, February 28, the CHP was investigating 22 additional confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), taking the number of cases to 11 006 in Hong Kong so far (comprising 11 005 confirmed cases and one probable case).

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

A total of 216 cases have been recorded in the past 14 days (February 14 to 27), including 182 local cases of which 65 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.

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.

[Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (February 28), 16 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. Including a patient (case number: 10952) discharged earlier on February 26, a total of 10 536 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged so far.

At present, there are 673 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 202 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 218 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 17 patients are in critical condition, 13 are in serious condition and the remaining 188 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	6444, 9733, 10373, 10687, 10718, 10766, 10776, 10807, 10842, 10848, 10866, 10871, 10873, 10883, 10897, 10906, 10952
Critical	1989, 3496, 6125, 6607, 6794, 8018, 8078, 9049, 9135, 9612, 9907, 9953, 10358, 10367, 10379, 10585, 10904
Serious	6386, 7076, 7468, 8221, 9055, 9550, 9793, 10023, 10083, 10611, 10898, 10942, 10953

[Public attendance arrangements for a fresh case at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary will reserve as many extra seats as possible and make special public attendance arrangements for a fresh case expected to involve dozens of defendants to be heard tomorrow (March 1) at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts, where the seats for public available will not be able to meet the demand.

As it is anticipated that the case will involve over 40 defendants and a large number of legal representatives may be engaged, all seats (95 in total) in the courtroom will be allocated to them.

Several other cases expected with a large number of observers have already been listed at the West Kowloon Law Courts Building tomorrow.

Having considered the remaining capacity of the available courtrooms and broadcasting facilities of the whole court building, the Judiciary will arrange three court extensions to broadcast the court proceedings of the fresh case concerned for different groups to observe. A total of 66 press seats and 95 public places will be provided at Court 2 (with 30 press seats and some 40 seats for family members), Court 18 (with 36 press seats, 14 public seats and 5 public standees) and the Jurors Assembly Room (with 76 public seats).

Court users who wish to attend the hearing concerned will be required to line up at designated areas at the Atrium on the 1/F of the West Kowloon Law Courts Building. The hearing is expected to commence not earlier than 11am. The distribution of admission tickets for family members is firmly set at 10.15am, while that for other tickets at 10.30am. Court users should follow the instructions of the Judiciary staff and security personnel.

To ensure fair allocation and use of the limited number of seats during the hearing, any seat which has been left vacant for 15 minutes or more during the court hearing will be re-allocated to another court user. This requirement is generally in line with that of the other courts such as the High Court in that the ticket will no longer be valid if the ticket holder has left his/her seat/place for 15 minutes or more.

Meanwhile, court users are reminded that starting from tomorrow all persons who enter the Judiciary premises are required to use the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app, or to have their names, contact numbers and the dates and times of their visits recorded on a registration form, with a view to enhancing protection of court users against COVID-19 infection. The form has been uploaded to the Judiciary website (www.judiciary.hk/en/court_services_facilities/leavehomesafe.html) and is available at the Judiciary premises.

All persons who do not use the app and refuse to have their contact information recorded will be denied entry to the Judiciary premises.

While the Judiciary will make every effort to minimise inconvenience to court users, it is inevitable that the measure will mean more time required for court users to gain access to the Judiciary premises. As such, court users are advised to download and learn to use the app before going to the Judiciary premises and arrive at the Judiciary premises earlier.

Police charge forty-seven persons for conspiracy to commit subversion

Police this afternoon (February 28) laid a charge against 47 persons, arrested in January this year, including 39 males and 8 females, aged 23 to 64, with one count of "conspiracy to commit subversion".

All the above persons are being detained and the case will be mentioned at the West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts after 11am tomorrow (March 1).