

Visits in Ma Tau Kok Detention Centre to resume

The Immigration Department (ImmD) spokesman announced today (February 21) that visits at Ma Tau Kok Detention Centre (MTKDC) will be resumed from tomorrow (February 22) in accordance with the advice of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP).

In response to a Vietnamese illegal immigrant detained at MTKDC who had tested positive for COVID-19, the ImmD had immediately suspended all visits at MTKDC, conducted a thorough cleaning and disinfection at all detention facilities and arranged for all detainees and officers to undergo COVID-19 testing in accordance with the advice of the CHP. The ImmD was informed by the CHP that all specimens had tested negative and that all visits in MTKDC will be resumed from tomorrow in accordance with the advice of the CHP. In order to maintain social distancing and arrange thorough cleanings in the visit room regularly, the waiting time for visits may be longer.

Fatal traffic accident in Sheung Shui

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Sheung Shui today (February 21) in which a 68-year-old woman died.

About 4.10am, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 59-year-old man was travelling along Jockey Club Road towards Sheung Shui. It reportedly crashed with a heavy goods vehicle (HGV).

Sustaining multiple injuries, the 68-year-old female passenger of the LGV was rushed to North District Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 5.29am. The LGV driver sustained hand and leg injuries and was sent to North District Hospital in conscious state.

The LGV driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He is being detained for enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories North is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 3800.

Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) will meet on Tuesday (February 23) to consider five applications for new issue, renewal, transfer and amendment of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Hong Kong:

The Old Man and the Sea in Sheung Wan
White Beard Fish N Chips and SHADY ACRES in Central
New Korean BBQ Restaurant in Wan Chai

New Territories:

DISTRICT EIGHT in Tseung Kwan O

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. In response to the latest developments of COVID-19, to avoid the gathering of people in an enclosed environment and to safeguard the health of all participants, public seats will not be available for all open hearings of the LLB in the interim.

Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (February 21) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.