Fatal traffic accident in Tsing Yi

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tsing Yi on February 16 night in which a 72-year-old man died.

At 7.06pm, a taxi driven by a 79-year-old man was travelling along Container Port Road towards Kowloon. Upon reaching Kwai Fung Crescent, the taxi reportedly knocked down the 72-year-old male pedestrian who was crossing the road.

Sustaining head, hands and waist injuries, the 72-year-old man was rushed to Princess Margaret Hospital in conscious state and was certified dead at 12.18pm yesterday (February 19).

The taxi driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for further enquiries.

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

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 1348 or 3661 1446.

<u>Government gazettes compulsory testing</u> <u>notice</u>

The Government exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and published in the Gazette a compulsory testing notice, which requires any person who had been present at seven specified premises during the specified period (persons subject to compulsory testing) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test.

Currently, in all districts in Hong Kong, if one or more new confirmed cases are found in the residential buildings (including buildings for both commercial and residential uses), or there are sewage samples tested positive which implied possible infection risks, the buildings will be included in the compulsory testing notice.

For testing targeting at workplaces, if two or more confirmed cases are found in a workplace, it will be included in the compulsory testing notice.

Seven buildings fulfilling the above criteria were included in the

compulsory testing notice today (February 20).

Details of the compulsory testing notice are as follows:

- 1. Any person who had been present at any specified premises listed in Part A of Annex 1 for more than two hours at any time during the period from February 7 to February 20, 2021 (including but not limited to visitors, residents and workers), have to undergo testing by February 22, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between February 18 and February 20, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.
- 2. Any person who had been engaged to work or had been on duty at any specified premises listed in Part B of Annex 1 at any time during the period from February 7 to February 20, 2021 (including full-time, part-time and relief staff), have to undergo testing by February 22, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between February 18 and February 20, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

Furthermore, a spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau reminds the public that in accordance with the compulsory testing notice issued earlier, all household members of close contacts are required to undergo compulsory testing. Any person who had lived with a person who is placed under quarantine pursuant to section 22 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) (person under quarantine) in the same residential unit on the date of commencement of quarantine or during the 14 days before that day, and who becomes aware of the quarantine of the person under quarantine when the relevant quarantine has not yet been completed, have to undergo testing within two days of he/she becoming aware of the person under quarantine has been placed under quarantine and report to the Government the result of the test by phone (at 6275 6901), fax (at 2530 5872) or email (ct@csb.gov.hk) within three days of undergoing the test.

The Government will set up mobile specimen collection stations at Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate in Kwun Tong, Jubilee Garden in Fo Tan and North District Community Centre in Sheung Shui tomorrow (February 21) for local residents and workers subject to compulsory testing. The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at Shek Lei Community Hall in Kwai Chung and Maple Street Playground in Sham Shui Po will be extended to February 22 (Monday) and February 23 (Tuesday) respectively. The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at both On Hing Playground in Yuen Long and Tin Shui Sports Centre in Tin Shui Wai will be extended to February 28 (Sunday), and the two stations will be open to all members of the public for testing. Starting from February 22, the mobile specimen collection station at Wong Chuk Hang Sports Centre will be relocated to Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground and will be open to February 28 (Sunday) tentatively. The opening dates and operating hours of the mobile specimen collection stations in various districts providing free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services for the general public are stated in Annex 2. Apart from mobile specimen collection stations, persons subject to compulsory testing can also choose to attend any of the community testing centres in all districts to receive

testing free of charge.

Persons subject to compulsory testing may choose to undergo testing via the following routes:

- 1. To visit any of the mobile specimen collection stations (see the list and target groups (if applicable)
- at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html) for testing;
- 2. To attend any of the community testing centres (see the list
 at www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/);
- 3. To obtain a deep throat saliva specimen collection pack from any of the 121 post offices, vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations or 47 designated general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority and return the specimen to one of the designated specimen collection points (see the distribution points and times, and the specimen collection points and times, at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html);
- 4. To undergo testing at any of the GOPCs of the Hospital Authority as instructed by a medical professional of the Hospital Authority;
- 5. To self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories which are recognised by the Department of Health (DH) and can issue SMS notifications in respect of test results (see the list
- at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List of recognised laboratories RTPCR.pdf); or
- 6. To use a specimen bottle distributed to the relevant specified premises by the Centre for Health Protection (if applicable), and return the specimen bottle with the sample collected as per relevant guidelines.

The spokesman cautioned that testing received at accident and emergency departments of the Hospital Authority or during hospital stays, or testing provided by private laboratories which cannot issue SMS notifications in respect of test results, does not comply with the requirements of the aforementioned compulsory testing notice.

"If persons subject to compulsory testing have symptoms, they should seek medical attention immediately and undergo testing as instructed by a medical professional. They should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or the community testing centres."

Persons subject to compulsory testing must keep the SMS notification containing result of the test for checking by a law enforcement officer when the officer requires the persons to provide information about their undergoing the specified test.

Furthermore, persons subject to testing under the compulsory testing notices should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.

Any enquiries on compulsory testing arrangements may be addressed to the hotline at 6275 6901, which operates daily from 9am to 6pm. If persons subject to compulsory testing plan to conduct testing at any of the community

testing centres, they can check the centre's appointment status in advance. The hotlines of the community testing centres are available at www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info/.

The Government will continue to trace possibly infected persons who had been to the relevant premises, and seriously verify whether they had complied with the testing notices. Any person who fails to comply with the testing notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

Relevant officers of different government departments are empowered to perform certain functions under the relevant Regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), including requesting individuals to provide information and assistance when necessary. Any person who fails to comply with the relevant request commits an offence and would be liable to a fine at level 3 (\$10,000). Collection and use of any personal data for conducting COVID-19 tests must meet the requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Government departments or testing service providers which handle the relevant information may provide the data to DH or other relevant departments for anti-epidemic purpose as necessary. The workflow does not involve the provision of any personal data to organisations or persons outside Hong Kong.

The spokesman said, "The Government urges all individuals who are in doubt about their own health conditions, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or contacted confirmed cases), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons."

OGCIO firmly follows up on fraudulent "LeaveHomeSafe" websites and mobile apps

The Office of the Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) said today (February 20) that the situation of fraudulent "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app is running rampant. Making or using those fraudulent apps may breach relevant laws and the OGCIO has referred all suspected fraudulent websites and mobile apps to the Police for follow up.

The OGCIO reminded members of the public once again that visiting or downloading websites or mobile apps from doubtful origin pose risks to cyber

security and privacy. Public should adopt proper information security measures and must not defy the law.

The OGCIO will continue its explanatory work on the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app and members of the public should discern fact from fiction and not to believe in fake and false information. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data also issued a press release (www.pcpd.org.hk/english/news_events/media_statements/press_20210219.html) yesterday (February 19) and confirmed that the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app is in compliance with relevant requirements of Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

The "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app does not require registration for use. The app does not have a tracking function, and venue check-in data will not be uploaded or transferred to the Government or any other systems. Such data are saved on users' mobile phones only. Matching of users' check-in data and the issuing of health alerts will only be carried out within the app. Users' whereabouts will not be disclosed to others. The app does not pose a risk to privacy. Given that the app has undergone and passed security risk assessment and auditing as well as privacy impact assessment conducted by independent third parties to ensure its compliance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, members of the public can feel at ease when using the app.

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Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing woman or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon East on 3661 0335 or 9020 2746, or email to rmpu-ke-2@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



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