

A project resident engineer of Housing Department tests positive for COVID-19

The Housing Department today (February 5) learnt that a project resident engineer has tested positive for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The engineer mainly works at the construction site of Tai Po Area 9. He is responsible for supervision and inspection of the construction works. He has been wearing facial masks when performing duties. He last worked at the site on February 3. Since there have been two confirmed cases in the building he resides, he took viral tests.

The offices and common communal areas of the construction site have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the guidelines of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP). The Department has also asked the contractor to suggest all site personnel and workers to take voluntary viral test.

The department will continue to maintain close liaison with the CHP and co-operate with its disease prevention measures.

Pig disposal procedure on Yuen Long pig farm with pigs found with ASF virus completes

Regarding the incident announced yesterday (February 4) where samples of pigs from a local pig farm were tested with African Swine Fever (ASF), the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) this morning (February 5) launched the disposal operation on the farm concerned. It was completed at about 2.30pm this afternoon.

An AFCD spokesman said, "According to the contingency plan on ASF, the AFCD sent over 20 staff to dispose about 240 pigs at about 7 am today on the licensed farm in Wong Nai Tun, Yuen Long. All disposed pigs were sent to New Territories West and New Territories North landfills for dumping according to established procedures."

The spokesman noted that thorough cleansing and disinfection had been conducted on the farm. The AFCD will continue to closely monitor the health condition of the pigs in other sheds on the farm and take samples for testing, and investigate and trace the source of the virus. For the sake of

prudence, the AFCD still suspends transport of any pigs from the index farm and the three pig farms within three kilometres of it.

The AFCD will continue to keep local pig farms under close surveillance and step up inspection and conduct tests if necessary. The AFCD has also notified all farmers to alert the Department immediately if abnormal health conditions are observed in pigs.

The spokesman stressed that ASF is not a zoonotic disease and will not infect humans, hence does not cause any food safety risk. Pork cooked thoroughly is safe for consumption. Members of the public do not need to be concerned. The incident does not affect the operation of local slaughterhouses nor the overall supply of live pigs.

CHP investigates suspected case of food poisoning

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is today (February 5) investigating a suspected food poisoning case involving consumption of mushrooms.

The case involves two males and two females aged 9 to 49, who developed nausea, vomiting and abdominal discomfort about three to four hours after consuming mushrooms of unknown source, which have been stored for a few months and cooked at home on February 4. The patients sought medical attention at Prince of Wales Hospital today. They are in stable condition and no hospitalisation is required.

"Mushroom poisoning is generally acute. Common presentations include gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain appearing shortly after ingestion. Depending on the mushroom species, patients may also have other symptoms like profuse sweating, hallucination, coma or other neurological symptoms as well as liver failure. Death may result in severe cases," a CHP spokesman said.

"We advise the public to buy mushrooms from reputable and reliable suppliers and not to buy mushroom products which may be mixed with unknown species. Members of the public should not pick wild mushrooms for consumption as it is difficult to distinguish edible mushroom species from inedible ones. Mixing of edible species with inedible or poisonous species of mushroom will not dilute toxicity. Cooking in most cases does not destroy toxicity," the spokesman added.

"If mushroom poisoning is suspected, the patient should seek immediate medical attention and bring along any available remnant for identification," the spokesman said.

[CE addresses European business community on Hong Kong development \(with photo\)](#)

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (February 5) highlighted Hong Kong's unique advantages for doing business and shared prospects for overseas firms establishing in Hong Kong during an online dialogue with more than 700 entrepreneurs and business executives from different corners of continental Europe. Mrs Lam was joined by the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Edward Yau; the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Wong Kam-sing; and the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui, of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government.

During the session, Mrs Lam said that with Hong Kong's strategic location and unique advantages under "One Country, Two Systems", including the capitalist system, the rule of law, judicial independence, the free flow of capital and a low and simple tax regime, Hong Kong represents the ideal gateway for European companies to access the vast market in the Mainland of China, in particular, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA). She noted that the Mainland of China is the only major economy in the world that recorded a positive growth in 2020, and that its future prospects are bright under its new economic model of dual circulation and the 14th Five-Year Plan. As Hong Kong continues to integrate into the national development, there will be ample opportunities for Hong Kong as well as the European enterprises that invest in the city.

In particular, Mrs Lam highlighted that both the Mainland of China and Hong Kong attach importance to quality and sustainable development, with ambitious targets set on carbon neutrality. Noting that European enterprises are leading the world in terms of green technology and experience in its relevant aspects, she invited European enterprises to seize the business opportunities as the Mainland of China and Hong Kong move towards green and sustainable development. She also added that Hong Kong is leveraging on its strengths as an international financial centre, and will continue to promote green finance.

Mrs Lam and the officials addressed wide-ranging questions from the participants during the session, covering topics such as the National Security Law, the strategy to control COVID-19, cooperation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in technology development, and the business prospects of the GBA. In addressing questions on the National Security Law, Mrs Lam emphasised that it is fully justified and legitimate for the National People's Congress to enact and implement legislation to safeguard national security in the HKSAR, and that foreign governments should not interfere. She told the

participants that the rights and freedoms of the people in Hong Kong are constitutionally protected and will continue to be upheld. In addition, with stability restored since the enactment of the National Security Law, Hong Kong will remain one of the safest cities in the world.

The online event "Direct Dialogue with Mrs Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR" was organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Brussels and the HKETO in Berlin, together with five co-organisers, namely the Association of German Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Belgium-Hong Kong Society, the Hellenic Federation of Enterprises, the Italy-Hong Kong Association and the Netherlands Hong Kong Business Association. The online event was further supported by 18 partner business chambers in countries across Europe. Dr Fabian Zuleeg, the Chief Executive and Chief Economist of the European Policy Centre, was the moderator.



[Crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements in Kowloon and the New Territories during Lunar New Year](#)

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in various districts in Kowloon and the New Territories to facilitate members of the public visiting Lunar New Year Fairs. During Lunar New Year period, Police will also implement crowd safety management measures in Mong Kok District. Police reminded members of the public to observe regulations on group gatherings and mask wearing in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Crowd safety management measures in Mong Kok

During the Lunar New Year period, an upsurge of crowd flow is expected in areas including Portland Street (between Argyle Street and Soy Street),

Sai Yeung Choi Street South (between Argyle Street and Dundas Street) and the adjacent Nelson Street, Shantung Street, Soy Street, Tung Choi Street and Fa Yuen Street.

For public safety, Police appeal to the public not to patronise unlicensed hawkers or conduct street performance in public places, so as to avoid causing obstructions, disorder and potential danger to others in the crowded area. Any obstruction of public places, pavements, loading or unloading areas might impede the free flow of crowd and traffic, posing threats to public safety and public order.

Police will implement appropriate measures for crowd safety and traffic management to maintain public order and safety. Members of the public should exercise patience and tolerance, follow instructions given by Police officers and take heed of Police advice and announcement at scene.

Special traffic arrangements for Lunar New Year Fairs

Flower Market Road area

A. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following roads will be closed from 8am on February 6 to 8am on February 12:

- Flower Market Road;
- Yuen Ngai Street;
- Yuen Po Street; and
- Prince Edward Road West service road.

Goods vehicles with valid permit can access the above roads daily from 12.01am to 5pm for loading/unloading.

During the road closure period, traffic along westbound Prince Edward Road West cannot turn right to northbound Sai Yee Street. Affected vehicles will be diverted via northbound Tung Choi Street, Playing Field Road/Boundary Street, Fa Yuen Street, and Prince Edward Road West service road.

All vehicles cannot enter westbound Prince Edward Road West near Nathan Road for making U-turn to eastbound Prince Edward Road West from 6pm on February 10 to 4am on the following day, and from 2pm on February 11 to 8am on the following day.

Subject to prevailing traffic situation, the following roads will be closed from 8am on February 6 or anytime when necessary to 8am on February 12:

- Sai Yee Street between Prince Edward Road West and Boundary Street;
- Fa Yuen Street between Prince Edward Road West and Boundary Street;
- Playing Field Road between Tung Choi Street and Sai Yee Street; and
- Prince Edward Road West service road between Nathan Road and Sai Yee

Street.

During the road closure period, traffic along westbound Prince Edward Road West cannot turn right to northbound Sai Yee Street.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

The metered parking spaces on Fa Yuen Street between Prince Edward Road West service road and Boundary Street, and the disabled parking spaces on Fa Yuen Street near Boundary Street will be suspended from 8am on February 6 to 8am on February 12.

The metered parking spaces on Tung Choi Street between Prince Edward Road West service road and Boundary Street, and the motorcycle parking spaces on Tung Choi Street near Playing Field Road will be suspended from noon on February 6 to 8am on February 12.

The motorcycle parking spaces on Playing Field Road between Fa Yuen Street and Tung Choi Street, the motorcycles parking spaces under Prince Edward Road West flyover between Tung Choi Street and Sai Yee Street, and the disabled parking spaces on Playing Field Road near Tung Choi Street will be suspended from 8am on February 11 to 8am on the following day.

The metered parking spaces on Playing Field Road between Sai Yee Street and Tung Choi Street will be suspended from 3pm on February 11 to 8am on the following day.

Fa Hui Park

A. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following traffic diversions will be implemented from 5pm on February 10 to 1am on the following day and from 2pm on February 11 to 1am on the following day:

- Traffic along westbound Lincoln Road cannot turn left to Cumberland Road, except for taxis;
- Traffic along Essex Crescent cannot turn left to southbound Cumberland Road, except for residents; and
- Traffic along Embankment Road cannot turn right to Duke Street, except for residents.

The fifth lane of westbound Prince Edward Road West between Yuen Po Street and the flyover will be closed from 10pm on February 11 to 1am on the following day.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

Parking spaces at the following locations will be suspended from 9am on February 6 to 7am on February 12:

- Two metered parking spaces on Tong Yam Street;

- All metered parking spaces and motorcycle parking spaces on Duke Street between Embankment Road and Knight Road;
- All motorcycle parking spaces on Knight Street near the junction with Duke Street;
- Two metered parking spaces on Belfran Road; and
- All metered parking spaces on Lincoln Road between Cumberland Road and Waterloo Road.

C. Temporary loading and unloading point

A loading and unloading point will be set up at Tong Yam Street near the junction with Tai Hang Tung Road from 3pm on February 10 to 8am on February 12.

Wong Tai Sin

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 5pm on February 11 to 2am on the following day:

A. Road closure

Subject to traffic condition, Ching Tak Street between Lung Cheung Road and Tung Tau Tsuen Road may be closed.

B. Traffic diversions

Public light buses and taxis at Ching Tak Street terminus cannot turn right to eastbound Ching Tak Street.

Subject to traffic condition, vehicles may not be allowed to turn left from westbound Lung Cheung Road to Ching Tak Street and Fung Mo Street.

C. Temporary "No-Stopping" Area

Illegal parking and stopping will be strictly prohibited on Ching Tak Street, Tung Tau Tsuen Road, Shatin Pass Road, Fung Mo Street, Fu Mei Street, Wang Tau Hom East Road, Wang Tau Hom South Road and Wang Tau Hom Central Road. Disabled persons will be allowed to board or alight from vehicles in the area should the situation warrants.

Kwun Tong

A. Road closure

Kai Lim Road will be closed from 6pm on February 9 to 4am on the following day, and daily from 3pm to 4am on the following day from February 10 to 11.

Fuk Ning Road and Fuk Tong Road will be closed daily from 3pm to 4am on the following day from February 10 to 11.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

Metered parking spaces, motorcycle parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on Kai Lim Road will be suspended from 8am on February 9 to 4am on February 12.

Tseung Kwan O

Hok Lam Lane will be closed from 7am on February 11 to 7am on the following day.

All parking spaces on Wan Lung Road will be suspended from 7am on February 10 to 7am on February 12.

Tuen Mun

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented daily from 6pm to 3am on the following day from February 10 to 11:

A. Road closure

- Tin Hau Road;
- San Hop Lane;
- Hung Cheung Road from its junction with Tin Hau Road to its southern junction with San Ping Circuit;
- Southbound Hung Cheung Road between its northern and southern junctions with San Ping Circuit;
- San On Street from its southern junction with Hung Cheung Road to a point about 50 metres north of the same junction; and
- Hing Wong Street from its southern junction with Hung Cheung Road to a point about 50 metres north of the same junction.

B. Cycling track closure

The cycling track along the western riverside of Tuen Mun River Channel between Pui To Road and Yau Oi Bridge will be closed.

C. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along southbound Tin Hau Road cannot turn right to Hung Cheung Road;
- Traffic along Yip Wong Road cannot turn to Tin Hau Road; and
- Hung Cheung Road between its southern and northern junctions with San Ping Circuit will be re-routed to one-way northbound.

D. Suspension of parking spaces

The overnight on-street parking spaces on Tin Hau Road and Hung Cheung Road from its junction with Tin Hau Road to its southern junction with San Ping Circuit will be suspended daily from 8pm to 3am on the following day from February 10 to 11.

E. Passenger pick up and drop off point

Tin Hau Road near its junction with San Hop Lane will be designated as passenger pick up and drop off point.

Tsuen Wan

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented daily from 3pm to 2am on the following day on February 10 and 11:

A. Road closure

- Kai Hong Close;
- Kai Chi Close;
- Hoi Pa Street between Tai Ho Road and Lo Tak Court;
- The slow lane of eastbound Sha Tsui Road between Yuen Tun Circuit and Tai Ho Road; and
- The slow lane of westbound Sha Tsui Road between Yuen Tun Circuit and Heung Shing Street.

B. Suspension of parking spaces

Motorcycle parking spaces on Kai Hong Close will be suspended.

Metered parking spaces No. 20192 to 20195 on Sha Tsui Road will be suspended.

Kwai Chung

The metered parking spaces and disabled parking spaces on Ko Fong Street will be suspended from 2pm on February 11 to 8am on the following day.

Tai Po

The cycling track on Ting Kok Road between Ting Tai Road and On Chee Road will be closed from 6pm on February 11 to 6am on the following day.

Sheung Shui

San Lok Street (except for vehicles entering or leaving from Pearl Vista), San Tsoi Street, and Fu Hing Street between San Hong Street and San Tsoi Street will be closed from 6pm on February 11 to 4am on the following day.

Members of the public are advised to make use of public transport to go to the Lunar New Year Fairs.

Any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts of special traffic arrangements may be towed away without prior warning or subjected to

multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of the traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Motorists are advised to drive with care and patience and follow the instructions of the Police on site.