

## Missing woman in Happy Valley located

A woman who went missing in Happy Valley has been located.

Chow Flora, aged 50, went missing after she left her residence on Sing Woo Road on December 22, 2020 morning. Her family made a report to Police on December 25, 2020.

The woman was located on Hennessy Road, Wan Chai this afternoon (January 5). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (January 5), 72 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 8 127 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 691 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 261 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 707 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 23 public hospitals and a community treatment facility, among which 48 patients are in critical condition, 44 are in serious condition and the remaining 615 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
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Discharged	4641, 6264, 6673, 6838, 7009, 7556, 7563, 7649, 7819, 7861, 7935, 7946, 7972, 7993, 8005, 8040, 8065, 8089, 8090, 8177, 8196, 8204, 8215, 8223, 8230, 8242, 8319, 8340, 8348, 8349, 8350, 8356, 8394, 8405, 8415, 8458, 8462, 8466, 8481, 8488, 8507, 8513, 8518, 8521, 8523, 8570, 8580, 8590, 8616, 8629, 8637, 8643, 8653, 8664, 8679, 8680, 8686, 8695, 8706, 8802, 8838, 8871, 8885, 8903, 8920, 8921, 8935, 8945, 8946, 8953, 8958, 9005
Critical	1989, 3496, 5409, 5511, 5735, 5739, 5754, 6125, 6232, 6255, 6386, 6444, 6545, 6547, 6607, 6754, 6794, 6824, 6913, 7123, 7172, 7175, 7259, 7323, 7424, 7653, 7680, 7725, 8018, 8055, 8069, 8078, 8126, 8195, 8323, 8384, 8449, 8452, 8511, 8564, 8603, 8611, 8636, 8725, 8820, 8864, 8900, 8937
Serious	5745, 5990, 6258, 6380, 6472, 6543, 6681, 6837, 6850, 6890, 6921, 7053, 7076, 7127, 7208, 7301, 7305, 7468, 7580, 7632, 7635, 7706, 7835, 7882, 7964, 7980, 7986, 8187, 8235, 8245, 8371, 8443, 8446, 8477, 8544, 8558, 8587, 8738, 8748, 8753, 8819, 8832, 8866, 8931

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## [EDB's latest public service arrangements](#)

In view of the extension of special work arrangements for government employees until January 20, a spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) announced today (January 5) that all Regional Education Offices and the Joint Office for Kindergartens and Child Care Centres will continue to provide emergency services and essential public services "during this period.

The spokesman reminded that members of the public who need these services should contact the service units concerned by phone in advance.

As for appointments already made for the audiological services at the Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, officers of the EDB will contact the parents concerned for appropriate arrangements.

The School Places Allocation Section will continue to provide limited hotline services to handle enquiries and appointments.

When circumstances permit, the Teacher Registration Team will invite applicants to proceed with the necessary procedure in due course. For the new

teachers taking up teaching posts in this school year, their applications would not be affected in principle.

Regarding the following public facilities/units of the EDB, they will remain closed to the public temporarily until further notice:

1. Hong Kong Teachers' Centre, Special Education Resource Centre and Young Achievers' Gallery located at Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre;
2. Arts and Technology Education Centre (including STEM Education Centre);
3. School Places Allocation Section;
4. Qualifications Framework Secretariat; and
5. Teacher Registration Team.

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## [Update on cluster of Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae cases in Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on clusters of patients confirmed to have Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE) in a male medical ward and a female medical ward respectively, the spokesperson for Hong Kong Buddhist Hospital made the following update today (January 5):

The hospital has stepped up screening procedures and identified that one more 81-year-old patient in the male medical ward has been confirmed to carry CPE without signs of infection. He is being treated under isolation in stable condition.

In addition, one more 85-year-old patient in the female medical ward has been confirmed to carry CPE without signs of infection. She had been discharged earlier.

The hospital infection control team has followed up with the concerned departments and the Centre for Health Protection. The following enhanced infection control measures have already been adopted in the wards:

1. Enhanced patient and environmental screening procedures;
2. Applied stringent contact precautions and enhanced hand hygiene of staff and patients; and
3. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the wards.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the situation of the wards. The cases have been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and

the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.

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## **PlanD to extend special arrangements for provision of public services**

In view of the extension of special work arrangements for government employees, the Planning Department (PlanD) announced today (January 5) that the department will extend its special arrangements for provision of public services until further notice and only essential public services will be provided.

The Planning Enquiry Counter (PEC) on the 17th floor of North Point Government Offices (NPGO) will continue to make available documents required under the Town Planning Ordinance for public inspection, while other counter services will be suspended. Meanwhile, the PEC on the 14th floor of Sha Tin Government Offices will continue to be temporarily closed and no public services will be provided.

In view of the need to reduce flows of people and social contact, the PEC will restrict the number of visitors at any one time. Members of the public are encouraged to make enquiries through the telephone hotline (2231 5000) or email ([enquire@pland.gov.hk](mailto:enquire@pland.gov.hk)), and can visit the PlanD's website ([www.pland.gov.hk](http://www.pland.gov.hk)) for general planning information.

District Planning Offices of the PlanD will suspend routine fieldwork, including posting of site notices for planning applications. No site notices will be posted for planning applications published during this period. Notices of planning applications will continue to be published in the prescribed newspapers and posted on the Town Planning Board (TPB)'s website ([www.info.gov.hk/tpb](http://www.info.gov.hk/tpb)). Members of the public are invited to pay attention to such notices in the newspapers and on the TPB website.

Meanwhile, the receipt and dispatch counter of the department on the 18th floor of NPGO will continue to maintain basic services during office hours (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday).

The City Gallery will continue to be temporarily closed until further notice. To enable the public to continue to enjoy the services during the closure period, the City Gallery is hosting activities through an online platform. For details, please call the City Gallery at 3102 1242 during office hours or visit the City Gallery's website ([www.citygallery.gov.hk](http://www.citygallery.gov.hk)).

For enquiries, please call the hotline 2231 5000 during office hours or

visit the PlanD's website.