

**For information
on 20 March 2020**

Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

**Prevention and Control of
Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Hong Kong**

PURPOSE

Further to the submissions to the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) Panel on Health Services on 10 and 30 January 2020 and 11 March 2020¹ and to LegCo on 19 February 2020², this paper offers an update on the Government’s response and measures adopted to prevent and control the spread of coronavirus disease-2019 (“COVID-19”) in Hong Kong.

LATEST SITUATION

(a) Global and Mainland situation

2. On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared that the outbreak of the novel coronavirus infection can be characterised as a pandemic. As at 19 March 2020 (9 a.m.), besides the Mainland, 162 countries/areas in the world (including Hong Kong) had reported more than 126 400 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 5 532 death cases. Please refer to **Annex 1** for the details.

3. Among these countries/areas, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 has been running high in a number of regions, including Italy and Iran. The latest situation in these regions is summarised below –

¹ Information papers were submitted to the LegCo Panel on Health Services on 10 January 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)468/19-20(05)), 30 January 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)575/19-20(01)) and 11 March 2020 (LC Paper No. CB(2)575/19-20(01)) respectively.

² An information paper was submitted to LegCo for information on 19 February 2020. For more details, please refer to <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr19-20/english/counmtg/papers/cm20200219p-e.pdf>.

- (i) **Italy:** As at 18 March 2020 (6 p.m.), the number of confirmed cases in Italy reached 35 713 (including 2 978 deaths). The majority of the cases occurred in Lombardia (17 713), Emilia-Romagna (4 525) and Veneto (3 214) regions which cover the cities of Bologna, Milan, Venice and Verona, etc. The remaining cases were mainly scattered in 17 other regions in Italy.
- (ii) **Iran:** As at 18 March 2020 (6 p.m.), the number of confirmed cases in Iran reached 17 361 (including 1 135 deaths).

4. As for the situation in the Mainland, as at 18 March 2020, the number of confirmed cases reached 80 928 (2 314 serious conditions; 3 245 deaths), with that in Hubei Province alone hitting 67 800. For Guangdong Province, the number of confirmed cases reached 1 378 with a combined number of 884 confirmed cases from Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Zhuhai. A breakdown of the caseloads is at **Annex 1**.

(b) Local situation

5. As at 18 March 2020, Hong Kong had 193 confirmed cases (including one suspected case), including 4 fatal cases and 96 discharged patients after treatment. Among them, by place of residence, 184 are Hong Kong residents, 7 are Mainland residents and 2 are overseas residents. Based on epidemiological classification, 82 of them are imported cases and their close contacts, 111 are local cases, possibly local cases or their close contacts. Currently, the novel coronavirus outbreak is spreading rapidly around the globe, leading to the number of imported cases increasing significantly since early March. Recently, over 90% of the cases are imported cases or the relevant person has travel history during the virus incubation period or is a close contact of an imported case or case with travel history. Out of the 88 confirmed cases of COVID-19 recorded in Hong Kong during the 14-day period from 5 to 18 March, 50 are imported cases. Twenty-one cases travelled outside Hong Kong for some time during the incubation period. For the remaining cases, 10 are close contacts of the aforementioned imported cases or cases

with travel history. Seven cases are local cases or their close contacts. In view of this, to safeguard the health of the public and protect our health system, currently the focus of the Government's prevention and control work is to prevent the virus from being imported from overseas and prevent imported cases from spreading in the community.

KEY MEASURES

6. All government bureaux and departments, the Hospital Authority ("HA"), as well as relevant parties, have stepped up their efforts on all fronts in preventing and controlling COVID-19. An overview of our key measures is set out below. A chronology of major events and measures is at [Annex 2](#).

(a) Strengthening port health measures

7. As an on-going measure, the Government has imposed body temperature checks for all incoming travellers at all boundary control points ("BCPs"). Since 1 February 2020, the Hong Kong International Airport ("HKIA") has implemented body temperature checks for both departing and transit passengers. To strengthen surveillance and contact tracing, a health declaration arrangement has been implemented at HKIA (for Wuhan flights, subsequently all Mainland flights and then Korea flights) and selected land-based BCPs since 21 January 2020. With the increasing number of countries/areas reporting community transmission of COVID-19, the Department of Health ("DH") has extended the health declaration arrangement to all inbound travellers at HKIA since 8 March 2020. DH also started the use of an electronic health declaration system at HKIA on the same day.

(b) Strengthening immigration control and outbound travelling alerts ("OTAs")

8. Since 27 January 2020, the Government has restricted non-Hong Kong residents who have been to Hubei Province in the past 14 days preceding arrival from entering Hong Kong. In view of the health risks arising from the persistent and rapid increase in the number

of COVID-19 cases globally, the Government decided on 17 March 2020 to issue the Red OTA on all overseas countries/territories based on public health considerations. Members of the public are strongly urged to adjust their travel plans and avoid any non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.

9. DH has extended health quarantine arrangements accordingly and demanded relevant persons to undergo compulsory quarantine. Starting from 00:00 of 19 March 2020, in accordance with the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E), DH's Port Health Division officers will issue quarantine orders for compulsory quarantine to people arriving in Hong Kong who have been to all overseas countries/territories in the past 14 days, regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents. At the same time, the quarantine measures announced earlier for people arriving in Hong Kong who have been to Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do in Korea, Iran, and Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions in Italy, as well as Hong Kong residents returning from Hubei Province in the past 14 days to stay in a quarantine centre for quarantine remain unchanged. According to the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C), the measure of issuing quarantine orders to all people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland, regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents, and to demand them to stay at home or other accommodation for a 14-day compulsory quarantine also remains unchanged.

10. The Government has conducted detailed risk assessments prior to implementation of port health measures in view of disease outbreak in other countries or regions. Other than considering the number, distribution and rate of increase of infected persons, the Government would also take into account the surveillance and control measures implemented by the authorities of that particular country/region, as well as the frequency of travels between Hong Kong and that particular country/region. The Government would suitably review and rationalise the relevant measures having regard to the latest development of the outbreak.

(c) Improving quarantine facilities and services

11. As at 19 March 2020 (noon), 954 isolation beds were being used in public hospitals with an occupancy rate of around 45%. In response to the changes in the situation, HA is now planning to retrofit one to two general wards in each cluster into standard negative pressure wards, with a view to providing 400 to 500 additional standard negative pressure beds for patients who have recovered but have not yet been confirmed negative for the virus. The highest standard negative pressure beds can thus be reserved for the confirmed or suspected cases. HA will continue to closely monitor the situation and allocate resources to mobilise the other isolation beds when required.

12. Currently, there are three quarantine centres for close contacts who may have been exposed to the risk of contracting COVID-19 but are nonetheless asymptomatic, namely the Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village in Chai Wan, the Heritage Lodge at the Jao Tsung-I Academy and Chun Yeung Estate, Fo Tan, providing about 1 250 units. We are also making preparations to make available more units in Chun Yeung Estate for quarantine purpose. It is expected that an addition of nearly 400 units will be available soon.

13. In view of the development of the outbreak, the Government has been actively looking for suitable sites and setting up more quarantine facilities as soon as possible since late January. It is estimated that 88 retrofitted units at the Junior Police Call Permanent Activity Centre (“JPC Centre”) at Pat Heung, Yuen Long can be put into use shortly. On the other hand, quarantine facilities are being constructed through the application of the modular integrated construction method at the Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village in Chai Wan, the Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre, the JPC Centre and a government site at Penny’s Bay, providing at least 1 000 units as quarantine facilities in total. It is expected that the units can be completed and put into use from March to July by phase. In addition, we are following up with the Walt Disney Company, which has agreed to explore using another site at Penny’s Bay reserved for future tourism development for constructing quarantine facilities. In view of the rapid development of the COVID-19 outbreak, it is difficult to accurately estimate the demand for quarantine facilities.

The Government will closely monitor the latest development and make corresponding deployment in view of the situation.

(d) Compulsory quarantine requirement

14. The Government published in the Gazette on 7 February 2020 the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C), which mandates all persons having stayed in the Mainland for any period during the 14 days preceding arrival in Hong Kong, regardless of nationality and travel documents used, to be subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 days. The arrangement remains unchanged. DH's Centre for Health Protection ("CHP") will continue to closely monitor the outbreak situation around the world.

15. Furthermore, following the Government's Red OTA issued on all overseas countries/territories on 17 March 2020, the Government gazetted on 18 March 2020 the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E), which mandates arrivals from all places outside China to undergo quarantine. This Regulation took effect on 19 March 2020 at 00:00 and will remain in force for three months till 18 June 2020.

16. According to this Regulation, all persons having stayed in places outside China for any period during the 14 days preceding arrival in Hong Kong, regardless of nationality and travel documents used, except for exempted persons, will be subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 days. During the quarantine period, the relevant person may be sent to quarantine centres or stay at home to undergo compulsory quarantine. The location for quarantine can include hotels.

(e) Enhancing surveillance

17. In order to timely identify and detect cases of novel coronavirus infection transmitted in the community, HA has conducted tests for novel coronavirus infection on all patients meeting the reporting criteria announced by CHP, and gradually extended the scope of surveillance to cover all inpatient pneumonia cases through the "Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme" ("Surveillance Programme"). Since 19

February, the Surveillance Programme has been further extended to cover outpatients at HA's Accident and Emergency Departments and General Out-patient Clinics. The scope of the Surveillance Programme was extended again to cover around 10 upper respiratory viruses such as Influenza, Parainfluenza and Rhinovirus on 4 March. Furthermore, starting from 9 March, the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch ("PHLSB") under CHP would provide free testing on COVID-19 virus for relevant samples submitted by private doctors.

18. As at 19 March (9:00 a.m.), out of the 193 confirmed cases (including one suspected case), 60 were detected by HA's Surveillance Programme, including 23 outpatients. The other 9 cases were detected by PHLSB.

(f) Anti-epidemic Fund

19. The LegCo Finance Committee approved the injection of \$30 billion into the Anti-epidemic Fund ("the Fund") on 21 February 2020 in order to enhance the capability of the Government and relevant sectors in combating the COVID-19 outbreak, and to provide assistance or relief to enterprises and members of the public hard hit by the outbreak or affected by anti-epidemic measures. Relevant bureaux and departments have been progressively rolling out the measures under the Fund to provide timely support to enterprises and members of the public.

20. To enhance the capability of public hospitals in responding to the outbreak, the Government has allocated \$4.7 billion from the Fund to HA for tackling the virus, particularly for ensuring sufficient support and protection for frontline healthcare staff. The HA will use and deploy the resources flexibly having regard to the development of the situation, so as to provide the best support to frontline healthcare staff. With regards to manpower, HA announced on 24 February 2020 that it would introduce a special allowance arrangement to provide frontline staff who perform high risk duties under the public hospitals' emergency response level with a special emergency response allowance, in order to show appreciation and recognition to them.

(g) Risk communication and transparency

21. Risk communication is key to managing the public anxieties during this critical period. Apart from daily briefings (normally at 4:30 p.m.) by CHP and HA senior representatives on the number of cases (suspected, confirmed or under investigation), relevant contact tracing, quarantine arrangement, etc., the latest situation of COVID-19 in Hong Kong and the most updated health advice could be found at the “COVID-19 Thematic Website” (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html). The Government also launched an Interactive Map Dashboard (chp-dashboard.geodata.gov.hk/covid-19/en.html) and a Telegram channel named “Hong Kong Anti-epidemic Information Channel” (t.me/HKFIGHTEPIDEMIC) to provide the latest information in a timely manner. Senior officials also announce from time to time major government decisions and measures, as well as to update the public on major developments in combating the virus, through press conferences or other occasions.

(h) Liaison with Mainland authorities and international cooperation

22. We have been maintaining close liaison and cooperation with the Mainland authorities as well as the international community. For example, on 28 February 2020, the Secretary for Food and Health (“SFH”) attended a special briefing on preparing for community transmission hosted by the WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific. SFH shared with Member States key measures of Hong Kong and reaffirmed the importance of international cooperation, in particular transparency and timely information exchange, in fighting COVID-19 together. In addition, on 8 February 2020, the Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”) and DH attended a special session on COVID-19 of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (“APEC”) Health Working Group. Amongst others, APEC Member Economies recognised the importance of sharing information and explored potential ways to strengthen international cooperation.

23. FHB and DH will continue to work closely with the WHO, in particular on the national focal points of the International Health

Regulations (2005) of other Member States, the APEC Health Working Group and health authorities of other jurisdictions in putting the epidemic under control.

(i) Increasing “social distancing” to prevent spread of the disease

24. In view that the combat against the disease looks set to continue for some time, daily operation in society cannot be completely stopped, and we must take corresponding response measures. Firstly, it is of paramount importance that we maintain most of our social distancing measures. Hence, although civil servants have gradually resumed work two weeks ago and public services have resumed, we still have to take very stringent measures to maintain social distancing. In addition, the Government will not organise public events that will attract a large number of people. We call on different sectors of the community to adhere to these social distancing principles, be patient during this period and avoid meal gatherings or other gatherings. Furthermore, members of the public are urged to maintain good personal hygiene, such as avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth; keeping hands clean at all times by washing hands frequently or using alcohol-based hand rubs; covering nose and mouth with hands or tissue paper when sneezing or coughing and washing hands immediately afterwards; and after using the toilet, putting the toilet lid down before flushing. Members of the public should also maintain good environmental hygiene, such as keeping good indoor ventilation; cleaning home thoroughly at least once per week with 1:99 diluted bleach; and maintaining drainage pipes properly and pouring about half a litre of water into the drain outlet regularly.

SPECIFIC INCIDENT

Hong Kong residents in Hubei Province

25. The Government arranged the first batch of four chartered flights to bring 469 Hong Kong residents back to Hong Kong on 4 and 5 March 2020. The Government announced on 16 March 2020 that it would arrange the second batch of chartered flights to take Hong Kong residents currently in Xiaogan, Xianning, Huangshi and Wuhan in Hubei

Province back to Hong Kong. The returnees from Hubei Province will then be taken to the quarantine centre in Chun Yeung Estate to undergo 14 days of quarantine. They will take a laboratory test to ascertain whether they are infected with COVID-19.

ADVICE SOUGHT

26. Members are invited to note the contents of this paper.

**Food and Health Bureau
Department of Health
Hospital Authority**

March 2020

Countries/areas with reported cases of Coronavirus Disease-2019

(COVID-19)

(Last updated on March 19, 2020, 9 am)

All information is based on that notified or reported by the World Health Organization, the National Health Commission, the Health Commission of Guangdong Province, Health Bureau of Macao Special Administrative Region, Taiwan Centers for Disease Control and health authorities of overseas countries.

Countries/areas with active community transmission of COVID-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Mainland China
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● All overseas countries/territories*

*Not including Macao SAR and Taiwan

- Number of cases in Mainland China: 80928 cases, including 3245 death cases and 70420 discharged cases. Among the 7263 cases currently still under treatment, 2314 cases were in serious condition.
- Number of cases in other countries/areas: at least 126466 cases

Number of COVID-19 cases reported in Mainland China

Mainland China	Number of cases	Number of deaths#
Hubei	67800	3130
Beijing	479	8
Liaoning	125	1
Anhui	990	6
Chongqing	576	6
Shaanxi	246	3
Tianjin	136	3
Fujian	296	1
Hunan	1018	4
Sichuan	540	3
Gansu	133	2
Heilongjiang	483	13
Jiangxi	935	1
Guangdong	1378	8
Guizhou	146	2
Shanghai	363	3
Shandong	761	7
Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region	253	2
Yunnan	176	2
Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region	75	1
Zhejiang	1233	1

Mainland China	Number of cases	Number of deaths#
Henan	1273	22
Hebei	318	6
Hainan	168	6
Jilin	93	1
Shanxi	133	0
Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region	75	0
Jiangsu	631	0
Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region	76	3
Qinghai	18	0
Tibet Autonomous Region	1	0

According to the latest available information

Distribution of COVID-19 cases reported in Guangdong Province

Areas	Number of cases	Number of deaths#
Guangzhou	359	1
Shenzhen	427	3
Zhuhai	98	1
Shantou	25	0
Foshan	85	0
Shaoguan	10	1
Meizhou	17	0
Huizhou	62	0
Shanwei	5	0
Dongguan	100	1
Zhongshan	68	0
Yangjiang	14	0
Zhanjiang	22	0
Zhaoqing	20	1
Qingyuan	12	0
Jieyang	8	0
Heyuan	4	0
Jiangmen	23	0
Maoming	14	0
Chaozhou	5	0
Total	1378	8

According to the latest available information

Number of COVID-19 cases reported in countries/areas outside Mainland China

Other countries/areas	Number of confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases#
Afghanistan	22	0
Albania	55	1
Algeria	60	4
Andorra	16	0

Other countries/areas	Number of confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases#
Antigua and Barbuda	1	0
Argentina	65	2
Armenia	52	0
Aruba	2	0
Australia	454	5
Austria	1646	4
Azerbaijan	28	0
Bahamas	1	0
Bahrain	255	1
Bangladesh	8	0
Belarus	36	0
Belgium	1486	14
Benin	1	0
Bhutan	1	0
Bolivia	11	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21	0
Brazil	234	0
Brunei Darussalam	54	0
Bulgaria	81	2
Burkina Faso	20	0
Cambodia	24	0
Cameroon	5	0
Canada	621	9
Cayman Islands	1	1
Central African Republic	1	0
Chile	156	0
Colombia	45	0
Congo	1	0
Costa Rica	41	0
Côte d'Ivoire	6	0
Croatia	65	0
Cuba	5	0
Curaçao	3	0
Cyprus	33	0
Czech Republic	434	0
Democratic Republic of the Congo	3	0
Denmark	1057	4

Other countries/areas	Number of confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases#
Dominican Republic	21	1
Ecuador	58	2
Egypt	166	4
Equatorial Guinea	1	0
Estonia	225	0
Eswatini	1	0
Ethiopia	5	0
Faroe Islands	47	0
Finland	319	0
France	9134	264
French Guiana	7	0
French Polynesia	3	0
Gabon	1	0
Georgia	34	0
Germany	8198	12
Ghana	6	0
Gibraltar	3	0
Greece	387	5
Guadeloupe	18	0
Guam	3	0
Guatemala	6	1
Guernsey	1	0
Guinea	1	0
Guyana	4	1
Holy See	1	0
Honduras	8	0
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region*	193	4
Hungary	58	1
Iceland	250	2
India	151	3
Indonesia	172	5
Iran	17361	1135
Iraq	154	11
Ireland	292	2
Israel	427	0
Italy	35713	2978
Jamaica	12	0

Other countries/areas	Number of confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases#
Japan^	914	31
Jersey	5	0
Jordan	35	0
Kazakhstan	33	0
Kenya	3	0
Korea	8565	91
Kuwait	130	0
Latvia	71	0
Lebanon	120	3
Liberia	1	0
Liechtenstein	7	0
Lithuania	26	0
Luxembourg	140	1
Macao Special Administrative Region	17	0
Malaysia	790	2
Maldives	13	0
Malta	38	0
Martinique	16	0
Mauritania	1	0
Mayotte	1	0
Mexico	82	0
Monaco	9	0
Mongolia	4	0
Montenegro	2	0
Morocco	38	2
Namibia	2	0
Nepal	1	0
Netherlands	2051	58
New Zealand	11	0
Nigeria	2	0
North Macedonia	31	0
Norway	1423	3
Oman	24	0
Pakistan	187	0
Palestine	41	0
Panama	69	1
Paraguay	9	0

Other countries/areas	Number of confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases#
Peru	86	0
Philippines	202	17
Poland	246	5
Portugal	448	1
Puerto Rico	3	0
Qatar	452	0
Republic of Moldova	30	0
Réunion	9	0
Romania	184	0
Russia	147	0
Rwanda	7	0
Saint Barthélemy	3	0
Saint Lucia	2	0
Saint Martin	2	0
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1	0
San Marino	104	11
Saudi Arabia	171	0
Senegal	27	0
Serbia	85	0
Seychelles	4	0
Singapore	313	0
Slovakia	97	0
Slovenia	275	1
Somalia	1	0
South Africa	62	0
Spain	13716	598
Sri Lanka	29	0
Sudan	2	1
Suriname	1	0
Sweden	1279	3
Switzerland	2765	21
Taiwan	100	1
Thailand	177	1
Togo	1	0
Trinidad and Tobago	5	0
Tunisia	24	0
Turkey	47	0

Other countries/areas	Number of confirmed cases	Number of deaths among confirmed cases#
Ukraine	14	2
United Arab Emirates	98	0
United Kingdom	2626	103
United Republic of Tanzania	1	0
United States of America^^	7038	97
United States Virgin Islands	2	0
Uruguay	6	0
Uzbekistan	16	0
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	33	0
Viet Nam	61	0
Number of affected countries/areas: 162	Total: at least 126466 cases	Total: at least 5532 deaths

^ Excluding 712 cases were confirmed among passengers/crews in a cruise ship (including 7 fatal cases)

^^ Excluding persons repatriated to the United States by chartered flight: 46 cases (Diamond Princess Cruise ship) and 3 cases (Wuhan)

* Including 1 probable case

According to the latest available information

Distribution of COVID-19 cases reported in Korea (as of March 18, 2020, 00:00, including 8413 cases)

Areas	Number of confirmed cases#			
	Cumulative number of cases	Number of new cases	With epidemiological linkage to a cluster or known confirmed case	Others##
Seoul	270	5	203	67
Busan	107	0	75	32
Daegu	6144	46	5026	1118
Incheon	32	1	27	5
Gwangju	17	1	14	3
Daejeon	22	0	12	10
Ulsan	30	2	23	7
Sejong	41	1	38	3
Gyeonggi	277	15	227	50
Gangwon	30	1	21	9
Chungbuk	32	1	28	4
Chungnam	118	3	112	6
Cheonbuk	9	2	4	5
Cheonnam	5	1	4	1
Gyeongbuk	1178	9	850	328
Gyeongnam	86	0	70	16
Jeju	4	0	0	4
Quarantine	11	5	11	0
Total	8413	93	6745	1668

According to the information from Korean health authority

Not classified into a cluster or under investigation

**Distribution of COVID-19 cases reported in Italy
(as of March 18, 2020, 6 pm, including 35713 cases)**

Areas	Number of confirmed cases#
Lombardia	17713
Veneto	3214
Emilia-Romagna	4525
Piemonte	2341
Lazio	724
Sicilia	282
Toscana	1330
Liguria	887
Marche	1568
Campania	460
Abruzzo	263
Puglia	383
Calabria	129
Friuli Venezia Giulia	462
Umbria	247
Molise	28
Basilicata	27
Sardegna	134
Valle d'Aosta	165
Trentino Alto Adige	831
Total	35713

According to the information from Italian health authority

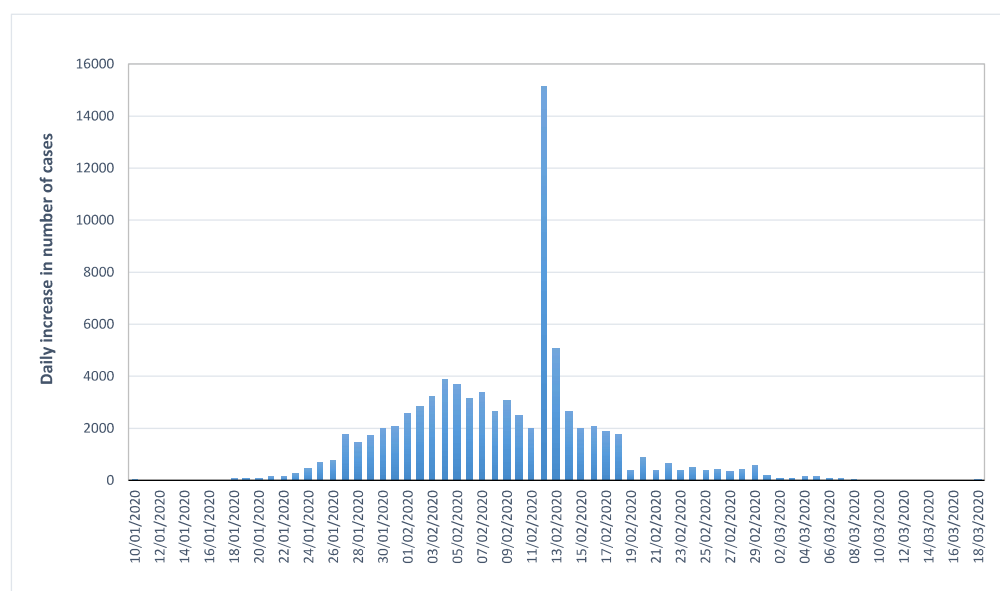


Figure 1 - Daily number of newly reported cases in Mainland China since January 10, 2020 (including cases based on clinical diagnosis from Hubei Province since February 12, 2020)

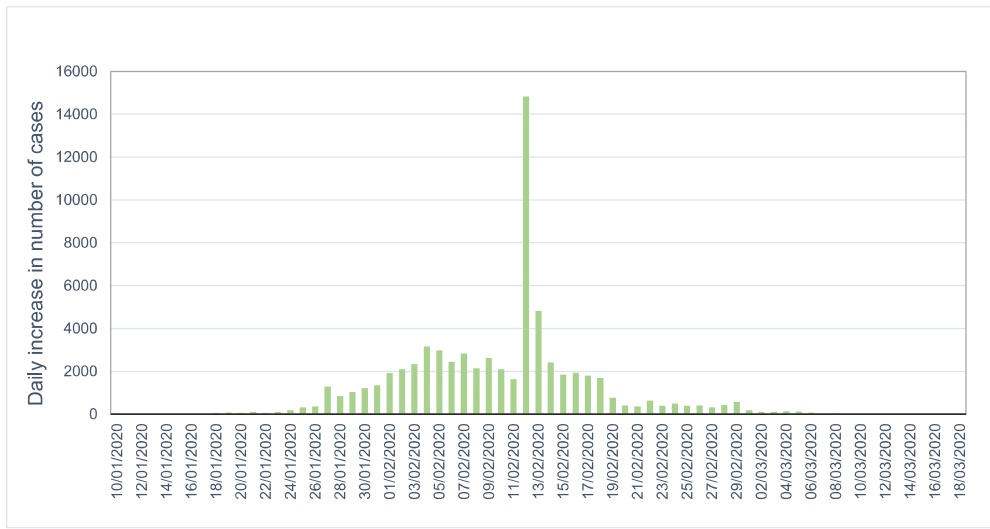


Figure 2 - Daily number of newly reported cases in Hubei Province since January 10, 2020 (including cases based on clinical diagnosis since February 12, 2020)

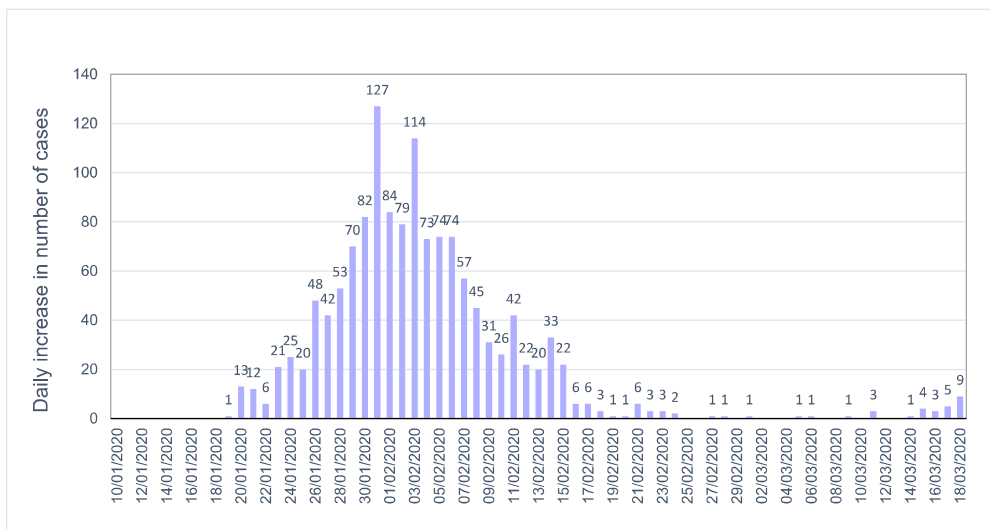


Figure 3 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Guangdong Province since January 10, 2020

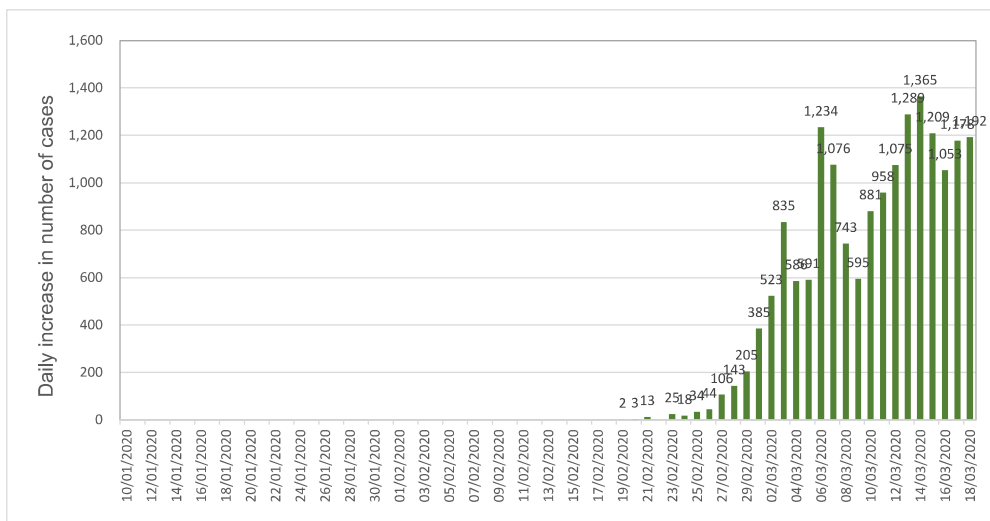


Figure 4 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Korea since January 10, 2020

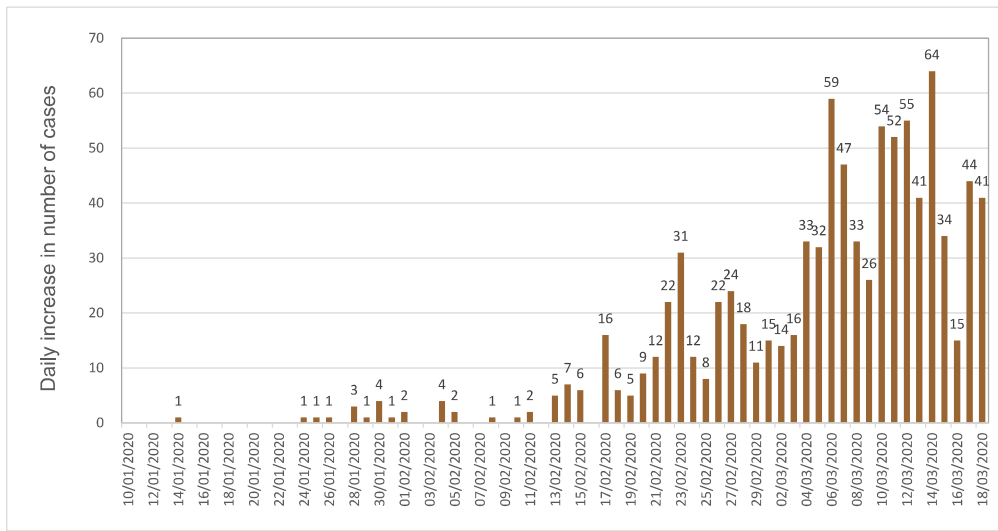


Figure 5 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Japan since January 10, 2020

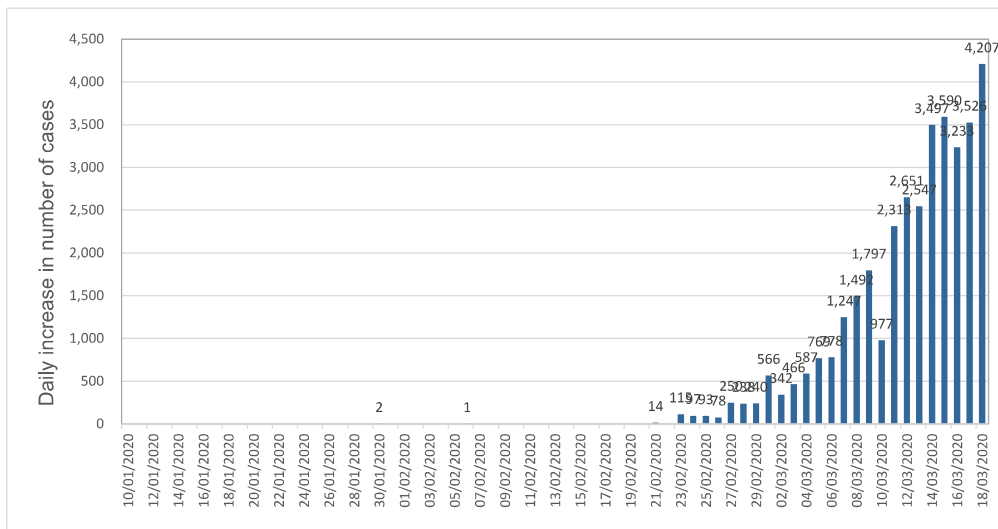


Figure 6 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Italy since January 10, 2020

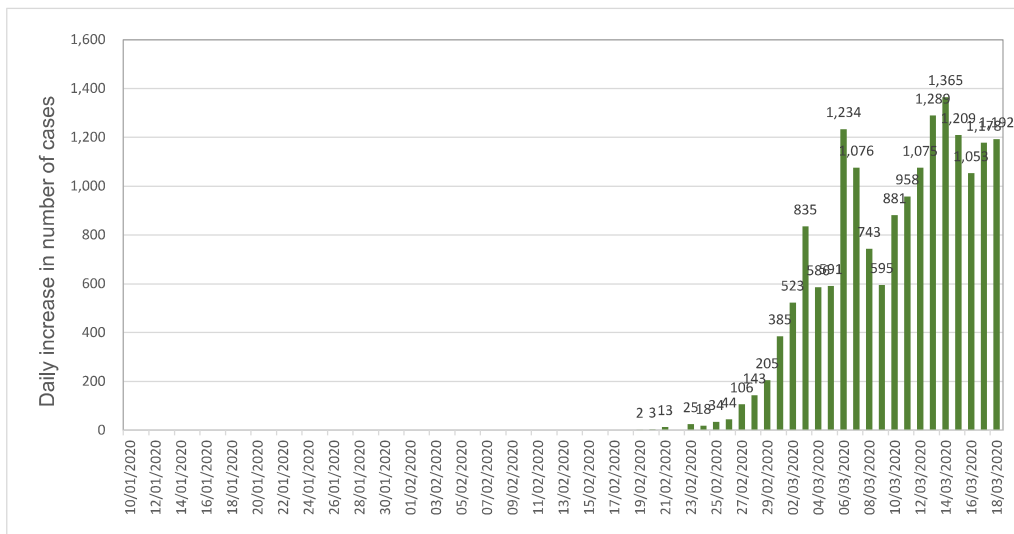


Figure 7 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Iran since January 10, 2020

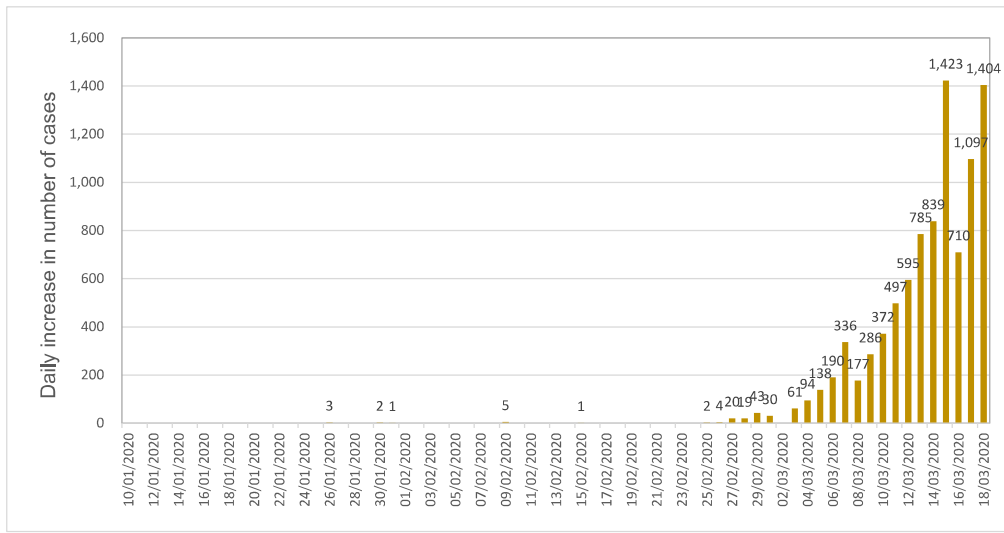


Figure 8 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in France since January 10, 2020

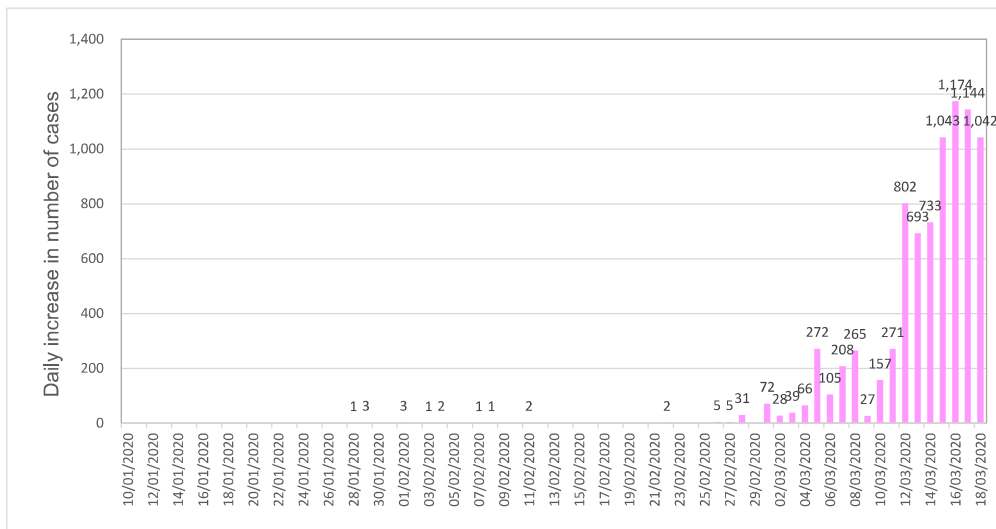


Figure 9 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Germany since January 10, 2020 (The newly confirmed cases on March 9, 2020 included data from 08:00 to 15:00 local time in Germany.)

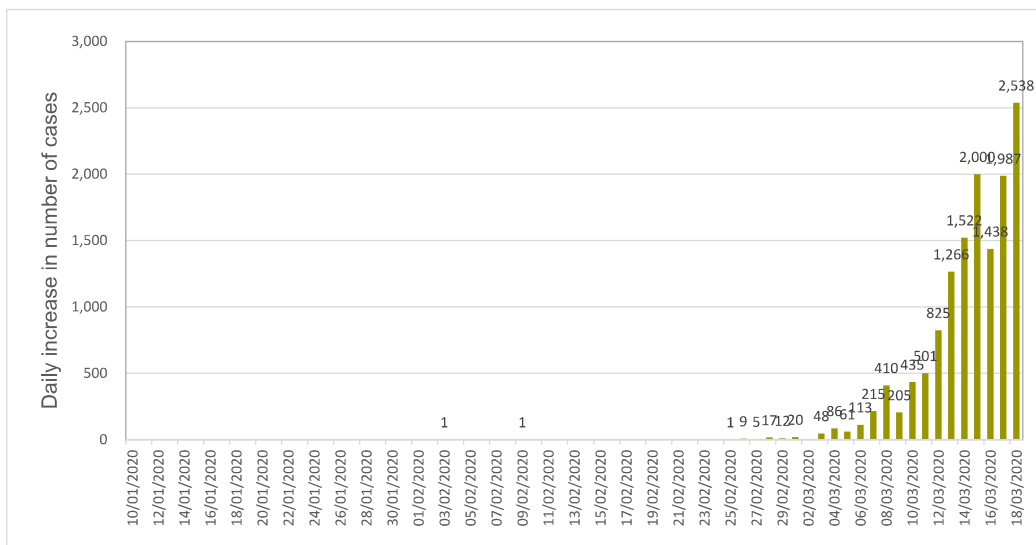


Figure 10 - Daily number of newly confirmed cases reported in Spain since January 10, 2020

**Chronology of Events in relation to
the Outbreak of Novel Coronavirus Infection
(as at 19 March 2020)**

Date	Event
31 December 2019 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Department of Health (“DH”) received the first notification from the National Health Commission (“NHC”) about a cluster of 27 pneumonia cases with unknown causes (with seven cases being serious) in Wuhan, Hubei Province● The Secretary for Food and Health (“SFH”) sought expert advice and alerted the public through media stand-up● DH issued letters to doctors and hospitals on the latest situation and reporting criteria● Health surveillance at the boundary control points (“BCPs”) enhanced. Suspected cases were referred to public hospitals for lab testing and isolation
2 January 2020 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● SFH chaired a cross-bureaux/departments meeting to examine the prevention measures adopted in response to the cluster of pneumonia cases and to alert them in enhancing cleaning. A media stand-up was conducted after the meeting to provide health advice to the public and appeal to the public to stay alert
3 January 2020 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Chief Executive (“CE”) and SFH inspected the BCP at Hong Kong West Kowloon Station of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (“XRL”)● SFH met with experts to seek advice on the latest situation and risk assessment● A dedicated website was launched by the Centre for Health Protection (“CHP”) of DH, announcing the number of suspected cases under the heightened surveillance system

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CHP expanded the scope of surveillance and revised the reporting criteria, as well as strengthened port health measures and enhanced health promotion for travellers at all BCPs
4 January 2020 (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Administration launched the Preparedness and Response Plan for Novel Infectious Disease of Public Health Significance (“the Plan”). In parallel, SFH activated the Serious Response Level with immediate effect ● To tie in with the launch of the Plan, the Hospital Authority (“HA”) also announced the activation of the Serious Response Level in public hospitals with immediate effect
6 January 2020 (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH chaired the first meeting of Steering Committee in accordance with the Serious Response Level under the Plan and engaged experts to review the situation in Wuhan and seek advice on risk assessment
7 January 2020 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH chaired a cross-bureaux/departments meeting to assess the latest situation and discuss prevention measures ● SFH led a press conference to roll out the five major areas of works in preventing the diseases, including port health measures, the Plan, amendments to the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), control measures of the HA and risk communications
8 January 2020 (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent” was gazetted as a statutorily notifiable disease under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599) and the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) starting from 8 January 2020 ● SFH attended the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) to

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	respond to three urgent questions raised by LegCo Members
9 January 2020 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH chaired a meeting and invited experts to discuss the latest developments of the cluster of pneumonia cases detected in Wuhan, followed by a press conference ● The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Infection Control under the CHP of DH convened the first joint meeting to review the measures in light of the latest local and global situation of novel coronavirus infection. The Controller for the CHP joined two local experts (Professor Yuen Kwok-yung and Professor David Hui) in the press conference after the meeting
10 January 2020 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH briefed the LegCo Panel on Health Services on the Government’s measures in response to cluster of pneumonia cases
11 January 2020 (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH sought advice from experts on the latest situation
12 January 2020 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NHC announced that it had shared the genetic sequences of the novel coronavirus associated with the cluster of pneumonia cases detected in Wuhan with the World Health Organization (“WHO”)
13 January 2020 (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thailand confirmed the first imported case of novel coronavirus infection ● The Under Secretary of Food and Health (“USFH”), together with representatives from DH and HA, departed for Wuhan to learn about the situation of the pneumonia cases, prevention and control measures and clinical management ● HA started the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance

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	Scheme to conduct testing on pneumonia patients meeting relevant criteria (i.e. with unknown causes while not responding to treatment in three days, or requiring care in Intensive Care Unit, or occurring in clusters, or who is a healthcare worker) irrespective of their travel history as a measure for more proactive case finding
14 January 2020 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH chaired a cross-bureaux/departments meeting to review the latest situation and revisit the robustness of the current prevention and control measures
15 January 2020 (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH convened an expert meeting and received report by the Hong Kong delegation that visited Wuhan ● A press conference led by USFH was held to report on the working visit to Wuhan to examine the situation concerning the cluster of pneumonia cases
16 January 2020 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH chaired the second meeting of Steering Committee in accordance with the Serious Response Level under the Plan ● Japan confirmed the first imported case of novel coronavirus infection ● CHP revised the reporting criteria of “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent” to enhance the surveillance of suspected cases
17 January 2020 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH hosted a media stand-up to update the public on the latest situation
20 January 2020 (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Korea confirmed the first imported case of novel coronavirus infection ● CE joined SFH’s cross-bureaux/departments meeting to receive report on the latest situation and review preventive and control measures ● SFH led a press conference to update the public on the

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	<p>latest situation and measures, including enhanced surveillance through extension of health declaration arrangement, the “containment” strategy and health advice on travelling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CHP further revised the reporting criteria of “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent”
21 January 2020 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taiwan confirmed the first imported case of novel coronavirus infection ● SFH met with experts to review the latest situation in Wuhan ● Health declaration arrangement implemented on all inbound travellers by air from Wuhan starting from midnight ● HA extended the scope of the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance to include any inpatients with pneumonia and travel history to the Mainland within 14 days before onset of symptoms
22 January 2020 (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The first highly suspected imported case of novel coronavirus infection was reported in Hong Kong ● SFH held a media stand-up to update the public on the latest situation ● CHP set up a hotline (2125 1122) for contact tracing ● Hong Kong residents were strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel to Wuhan, Hubei Province and stay vigilant
23 January 2020 (Thursday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 2]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The second highly suspected imported case of novel coronavirus infection was reported in Hong Kong ● On the same day, the two imported cases of novel coronavirus infection was confirmed ● Quarantine centre at The Lady MacLehose Holiday Village under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) was activated and close contacts would be transferred to the village for

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	<p>quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily media briefing by CHP and HA started ● SFH chaired the third meeting of Steering Committee, with the Chief Secretary for Administration (“CS”) in attendance, in accordance with the Plan. A press conference led by CS was held afterwards ● CHP further revised the reporting criteria of “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent” to enhance the surveillance
<p>24 January 2020 (Friday)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The health declaration system was extended to cover the Hong Kong West Kowloon Station of XRL ● Flights and high-speed train services between Hong Kong and Wuhan suspended ● The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Infection Control under the CHP of DH convened the second joint meeting to review the measures in light of the latest local and global situation of novel coronavirus infection
<p>25 January 2020 (Saturday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 5]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE announced activation of Emergency Response Level under the Plan with immediate effect and set up four working groups ● CE held a press conference and announced the following strategies: (a) enhancing mechanism and organisation structure to tackle disease; (b) strengthening immigration control, including expanding the arrangements of health declarations by incoming travellers from the Mainland as soon as possible to all BCPs; (c) minimising risks of virus infection and spreading in local community, including extending the Chinese New Year holidays of secondary schools, primary schools, kindergartens, child care centres and special schools so that they would resume classes not earlier than 17 February; (d) enhancing personal hygiene of the public and issuing

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	<p>guidelines; (e) improving anti-epidemic facilities and services; (f) allocating sufficient resources for the strategies and measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To tie in with the Government raising response level to “Emergency”, HA also announced the activation of the Emergency Response Level in public hospitals with immediate effect to implement a series of measures to enhance infection control and focus resources to cope with the epidemic
26 January 2020 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the first meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan
27 January 2020 (Monday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 8]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the second meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● Except for Hong Kong residents, residents from Hubei Province and persons who visited the Hubei Province in the past 14 days were not permitted to enter Hong Kong until further notice
28 January 2020 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the third meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● Through a press conference, the Government further announced seven disease prevention and control measures: (a) significantly reducing the flow of people between the Mainland and Hong Kong, including reduction and suspension of transport and BCP services; (b) adjusting fee charging policy for Non-eligible Persons (“NEP”) of HA and to charge all NEPs the relevant fees starting from 29 January 2020; (c) reducing the flow and contacts of people in Hong Kong, including appealing to employers to make flexible work arrangements for employees in accordance with their operational needs, and

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	<p>implementing the special work arrangement for government employees other than those providing emergency and essential public services until 2 February subject to review closer to the time; (d) assisting Hong Kong residents in Hubei Province; (e) reaching out to hotels through the hotel industry and Hong Kong Tourism Board to contact travellers from Hubei province, for follow-up by the CHP; (f) continuing to identify suitable places to serve as quarantine centre facilities and other purposes; (g) worldwide procurement in order to ensure adequate supply for tackling the disease</p>
<p>29 January 2020 (Wednesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 10]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and relevant government departments met members of local chambers of commerce and the retail industry to learn more about the situation of the supply of surgical masks and problems encountered by importers and retailers ● The health declaration system was extended to all inbound flights from the Mainland ● The Immigration Department (“ImmD”) reached out to hotels, hostels and guesthouses to contact travellers from Hubei Province and give them relevant health advice
<p>30 January 2020 (Thursday)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the fourth meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● WHO declared that the outbreak of the novel coronavirus constituted a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (“PHEIC”) ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice ● SFH attended the special meeting of the LegCo Panel on Health Services to brief Members on the latest situation

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With effect from 30 January 2020, (1) cross-boundary coach, hire car and private car using Sha Tau Kok and Man Kam To Control Points were suspended due to the suspension of the immigration clearance service; (2) all services of the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong XRL and Intercity Through Train were suspended, and (3) cross-boundary ferry services of China Ferry Terminal and Tuen Mun Ferry Terminal were suspended
<p>31 January 2020 (Friday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 13]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Through a press conference led by CE, the Government announced measures to further prevent and control the spread of the disease: (a) suspending classes at all schools in Hong Kong with class resumption no earlier than 2 March; (b) special work arrangement for government departments would be extended until 9 February subject to review closer to the time; (c) all Hong Kong residents who have visited Hubei Province in the past 14 days should approach staff of the DH's Port Health Division for relevant assessment upon their arrival and would be arranged to stay in quarantine centres for surveillance; (d) for those Hubei residents who have already entered and were still staying in Hong Kong, DH would also arrange for them to stay in quarantine centres or, if asymptomatic, to leave Hong Kong as soon as possible; (e) enhancing exit screening and health declaration; (f) all-out efforts to support front-line healthcare staff; and (g) increasing supply of surgical masks through a multi-pronged approach ● HA further extended the scope of the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance to include all pneumonia inpatients ● HA announced the Special Rental Allowance for staff who have to work in high risk areas under Emergency Response Level with temporary accommodation needs.

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1 February 2020 (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exit screening arrangement introduced in the Hong Kong International Airport (“HKIA”) ● HA started to provide laboratory testing in public hospitals
2 February 2020 (Sunday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 15]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the fifth meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● CE wrote to Consuls-General in Hong Kong and CS met them to explain in detail the measures taken by Hong Kong in disease prevention and control
3 February 2020 (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE led a press conference, attended by relevant Bureaux Secretaries and Heads of Department, on the stepping up of control measures. CE appealed to the public that the spread of virus occurred regardless of race, nationality and residency status, and that the flow of people across the border should be reduced as much as possible ● The Government launched an Interactive Map Dashboard to provide the latest situation of novel coronavirus infection
4 February 2020 (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cross-boundary passengers by land or by sea converged to Shenzhen Bay control point and Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (“HZMB”) Hong Kong Port ● Passenger clearance services further suspended at four control points, namely Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, Lok Ma Chau and Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal. Cross-boundary coach, shuttle bus, hire car and private car using Lok Ma Chau Control Point were suspended ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice

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<p>5 February 2020 (Wednesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 21]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 14-day compulsory quarantine arrangement on all the people entering Hong Kong from the Mainland announced. The new subsidiary legislation was gazetted as Cap. 599C ● Customs, immigration and quarantine services at Kai Tai Cruise Terminal and Ocean Terminal suspended ● The health declaration system extended to HZMB, Man Kam To (Cargo) and Sha Tau Kok (Cargo) ● The Food and Health Bureau (“FHB”) attended the Sham Shui Po District Council to explain the arrangement and justification of using the Jao Tsung-I Academy as quarantine centre ● CHP’s Port Health Division conducted health quarantine work on the “World Dream” cruise where some travellers from the Mainland in a previous sail were confirmed to have been infected with the novel coronavirus ● CE led a press conference, attended by relevant Bureaux Secretaries and Heads of Department, to explain the new policy of compulsory quarantine arrangement, amongst others
<p>6 February 2020 (Thursday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 24]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Education Bureau (“EDB”) announced two possible options for the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (“HKDSE”). Further assessment would be made towards the end of February
<p>7 February 2020 (Friday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government published in the Gazette the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation¹ and the Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information)

¹ The Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation provides that all persons having stayed in the Mainland for any period during the 14 days preceding arrival in Hong Kong, regardless of nationality and travel documents used, would be subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 days

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Kong: 26]	<p>Regulation². The two Regulations would be effective on 8 February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice ● CS led a press conference, attended by relevant Bureaux Secretaries and Heads of Department, to update the public of the implementation of compulsory quarantine arrangement³ ● The special work arrangement for government departments was extended until 16 February subject to review closer to the time. In addition to emergency services and other essential public services, government departments would also provide basic public services of a limited scale
8 February 2020 (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A media stand-up by CE was conducted to brief the public on the enhanced control measures ● FHB, DH and other relevant government departments met with representatives from the cruise company of “World Dream” ● DH had earlier taken specimens from symptomatic crew members and passengers of the “World Dream” cruise for test on novel coronavirus. Upon relevant experts’ advice, the Government decided to conduct tests on novel coronavirus for 1 800 odd crew members on board ● The Government explained to residents in the neighbourhood on the arrangement for using Chun Yeung Estate as a quarantine centre

² The Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation empowers a health officer to require a person to disclose or furnish any information relevant to the handling of a state of the public health emergency, such as travel history. The relevant power is extended to other medical practitioners who would encounter with a person involved in such public health emergency

³ Non-Hong Kong residents will be quarantined in accommodation that they have arranged (which can be domestic or hotel units). Hong Kong residents will normally be subject to home-quarantine. Only when it is not possible for them to arrange for their own accommodation will they be quarantined in temporary accommodation arranged by the Government. (Note: Hong Kong residents who have been to Hubei in the 14 days prior to their arrival in Hong Kong and those with close contacts with confirmed cases will be quarantined in centres managed by DH. Those that come back from the Mainland (other than Hubei) and without their own accommodation will be quarantined in camps managed by LCSD.)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE visited the BCPs and call centres to observe the implementation of the compulsory mandatory arrangement as well as the Public Health Laboratory Centre which tested the specimens of crew members of the “World Dream” cruise
<p>9 February 2020 (Sunday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 36]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of DH completed tests on the novel coronavirus for 1 800 odd crew members on the “World Dream” cruise. All samples were tested negative for the novel coronavirus. All guests on board disembarked ● Representatives from FHB, DH and the Housing Department (“HD”) briefed members of the Sha Tin District Council about the arrangement and justifications of using Chun Yeung Estate as a quarantine centre ● CE, accompanied by SFH, visited HKIA and HZMB
<p>10 February 2020 (Monday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 42]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the sixth meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● SFH led a press conference to communicate with the public on the compulsory home quarantine measure ● The 42nd confirmed case was found to be residing at the same A07 unit of Hong Mei House, Cheung Hong Estate as the 12th confirmed case, albeit on different floors. Upon a site visit with the advice of Professor Yuen Kwok-yung, CHP observed that the possibility of disconnected vent pipes without proper sealing triggering the spread of the virus could not be ruled out. Evacuation was immediately arranged and about 100 residents from 30 plus households were transferred to quarantine centres. Prof Yuen Kwok-yung joined two media briefings to explain his assessment of the incident ● Representatives from FHB, DH and HD briefed the Sha Tin District Council at its special meeting about

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	<p>the arrangement and justifications for using Chun Yeung Estate as a quarantine centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WHO announced a name for the new coronavirus disease “COVID-19”
<p>12 February 2020 (Wednesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 50]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons under compulsory quarantine who failed to share their real-time locations with their mobile phones at the BCPs would be requested to wear electronic wristbands so that they can be monitored as to whether they are staying at the dwelling places
<p>13 February 2020 (Thursday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 53]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government announced that the special work arrangement for government departments would be extended until 23 February in order to reduce social contacts and the risk of the spread of the novel coronavirus in the community, subject to review closer to the time ● EDB announced that all schools in Hong Kong would not resume classes before 16 March ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice
<p>14 February 2020 (Friday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 56]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government announced that ImmD and the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Tokyo) would assist Hong Kong residents quarantined on the “Diamond Princess” cruise ship ● SFH attended a meeting with the Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson of the District Councils to brief them on the latest Government actions in combating the disease and addressing their questions and concerns
<p>15 February 2020 (Saturday)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the seventh meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● The Government announced that it was arranging chartered flights to take the Hong Kong residents

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	<p>quarantined on the “Diamond Princess” cruise ship back to Hong Kong free of charge as soon as possible after they are permitted to disembark and land.</p>
<p>16 February 2020 (Sunday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 57]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE, accompanied by SFH, inspected anti-epidemic work at various locations including the Junior Police Call Permanent Activity Centre in Pat Heung, the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and the Infectious Disease Centre of Princess Margaret Hospital
<p>17 February 2020 (Monday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 60]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Infection Control under the CHP of DH convened the third joint meeting to review the measures in light of the latest situation of novel coronavirus infection in Hong Kong
<p>18 February 2020 (Tuesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 62]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE, all Principal Officials and a number of Executive Council Members have joined/will join various non-governmental organisations to conduct visits and distribute surgical masks to persons in need in different districts
<p>19 February 2020 (Wednesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 65]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HA expanded the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme to cover adult out-patients with fever and respiratory symptoms or mild chest infection at Accident and Emergency Departments (“AEDs”) and General Out-patient Clinics (“GOPCs”) ● CS, together with SFH and other relevant Principal Officials, attended LegCo to respond to two urgent questions raised by LegCo Members
<p>20 February 2020 (Thursday)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A total of 106 Hong Kong residents on board the “Diamond Princess” cruise ship arrived at Hong Kong from Tokyo on a chartered flight arranged by the

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[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 68, and no. of probable case: 1]	<p>Government. All passengers were sent to the quarantine centre in Chun Yeung Estate for 14-day quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government announced that the special work arrangement for government departments would be extended until 1 March 2020 subject to review closer to the time. While it remained the Government’s top priority to prevent and control the spread of the disease, preparations would be made for the gradual resumption of public services
21 February 2020 (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LegCo Finance Committee approved the injection of \$30 billion into the Anti-epidemic Fund ● The Government released an enhanced website “COVID-19 Thematic Website” (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/index.html) and a Telegram channel, “Hong Kong Anti-epidemic Information Channel”, to enhance dissemination of information through social media and online platforms
22 February 2020 (Saturday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 69, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Second batch of 84 Hong Kong residents on board the “Diamond Princess” cruise ship arrived at Hong Kong from Tokyo on a chartered flight arranged by the Government. All passengers were sent to the quarantine centre in Chun Yeung Estate for 14-day quarantine ● Among the passengers on the flight were two Macao residents. The Macao Special Administrative Region Government has arranged a coach to pick up the two Macao residents directly at HKIA and return to Macao via HZMB ● The Government announced that since the compulsory quarantine measure was introduced on 8 February 2020, the first batch of 663 persons had finished their 14-day compulsory quarantine at 0:00am and none of them became confirmed cases during the quarantine period

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<p>23 February 2020 (Sunday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 74]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Third batch of five Hong Kong residents on board the “Diamond Princess” cruise ship arrived at Hong Kong from Tokyo on a chartered flight arranged by the Government. All passengers were sent to the quarantine centre in Chun Yeung Estate for 14-day quarantine ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice ● CE chaired the eighth meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan
<p>24 February 2020 (Monday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 81]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government announced that chartered flights would be arranged to bring back Hong Kong people in Hubei Province in batches ● HA announced the Special Emergency Response Allowance for staff engaging in high risk duties under Emergency Response Level in response to COVID-19 epidemic ● In light of the health risks arising from the outbreak of COVID-19 in Korea, the Government issued a Red Outbound Travel Alert (“OTA”) on the country and announced entry restrictions and quarantine requirements for those with travel history to Korea ● The Government introduced a special scheme to deliver prescription medications to Hong Kong residents who are currently residing on the Mainland. Priority is given to help those who are currently located in Guangdong and Fujian Provinces who will run out of medications on or before end-March ● CHP has updated the relevant reporting criteria of “Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent” to enhance surveillance of suspected cases with travel history to the Mainland or Korea

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<p>25 February 2020 (Tuesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 85]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restrictions are imposed on non-Hong Kong residents arriving from Korea from entering Hong Kong with effect from 6 a.m. ● Starting from 6 a.m., DH's Port Health Division will issue quarantine orders under the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) to Hong Kong residents returning to Hong Kong who have been to Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do in Korea in the past 14 days and arrange them to stay in quarantine centre for quarantine ● Hong Kong residents returning from other cities and provinces of Korea will be required to undergo home quarantine and medical surveillance for 14 days ● EDB announced that all schools in Hong Kong would not resume classes before 20 April ● EDB and Hong Kong Examinations Assessment Authority ("HKEAA") announced the commencement of the HKDSE written examinations on 27 March and various special arrangements and enhanced precautionary measures
<p>26 February 2020 (Wednesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 91]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CS chaired the first meeting of the Anti-epidemic Fund Steering Committee ● The Government announced registration arrangement for first batch of chartered flights taking Hong Kong people in Hubei Province back to Hong Kong
<p>28 February 2020 (Friday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 94]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government issued a Red OTA on the Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions in Italy and alerted the public about the outbreak of COVID-19 cases and associated health risk in Iran under the Red OTA in force ● DH uploaded the list of buildings where persons under compulsory quarantine pursuant to the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) are conducting quarantine

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	<p>onto the Government's "COVID-19 Thematic Website"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases and the Scientific Committee on Infection Control under the CHP of DH convened the fourth joint meeting to review the measures in light of the latest local and global situation of novel coronavirus infection ● CHP has updated relevant reporting criteria of "Severe Respiratory Disease associated with a Novel Infectious Agent" to enhance surveillance of suspected cases with travel history to a place with active community transmission of COVID-19 ● A pet dog of a confirmed patient was tested weak positive to COVID-19 virus on multiple occasions by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD"). The dog has been put under quarantine at AFCD's facility ● HA widened the scope of the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme at AEDs and GOPCs to cover both adult and paediatric outpatients with fever and respiratory symptoms, or mild chest infection; or fever or respiratory symptoms subject to clinical assessment of physician in charge
<p>29 February 2020 (Saturday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 95]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the ninth meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan
<p>1 March 2020 (Sunday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starting from 0:00 a.m., the DH's Port Health Division would issue quarantine orders under the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) to people (regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents) arriving Hong Kong who have been to the

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Kong: 98, and no. of probable cases: 2]	Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy or Veneto regions in Italy or Iran in the past 14 days and arrange them to stay in quarantine centre for quarantine
2 March 2020 (Monday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 100, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Subject to targeted social distancing, and with special arrangements and precautionary measures taken, government departments started to gradually resume more public services in a smooth and orderly manner. The arrangements and measures aim at reducing social contact and protecting the health of the staff and members of the public
3 March 2020 (Tuesday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 100, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice
4 March 2020 (Wednesday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 104, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HA further expanded the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme at AEDs and GOPCs to cover around 10 viruses such as Influenza, Parainfluenza and Rhinovirus ● On 4 and 5 March, the Government arranged the first batch of four chartered flights to bring 469 Hong Kong residents in Hubei Province back to Hong Kong
5 March 2020 (Thursday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 104, and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HKEAA started to distribute HKDSE admission forms to schools along with face masks on the basis of one face mask for each examination day for all candidates

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8 March 2020 (Sunday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 114, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The HA announced that one more GOPC will be covered by the Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme from 9 March, making for a total of 64 GOPCs and 17 Accident and Emergency Departments ● Starting from 00:00, the health declaration arrangements at the HKIA will be extended from inbound flights from the Mainland to all flights arriving in Hong Kong. All inbound travellers arriving at the HKIA are required to complete and submit a health declaration form
9 March 2020 (Monday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 115, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the tenth meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● The Innovation and Technology Commission launched a special call under the Public Sector Trial Scheme for projects to support product development and application of technologies for the prevention and control of the disease, and started taking applications
10 March 2020 (Tuesday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 120, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SFH briefed the LegCo Panel on Health Services on the Government's latest measures for prevention and control of COVID-19 ● The Government issued the Red OTA on the Bourgogne-Franche-Comte and Grand Est regions in France, the North Rhine-Westphalia region in Germany, Hokkaido in Japan as well as the La Rioja, Madrid and Pais Vasco regions in Spain. Also, the Government extended the Red OTA in force on Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions in Italy to cover the entire country
12 March 2020 (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AFCD reported that the blood test result of a pet dog which had repeatedly tested weak positive for

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[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 131, and no. of probable case: 1]	COVID-19 virus is negative
13 March 2020 (Friday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 137, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government issued the Red OTA on a number of European countries (Schengen Area), including Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Principality of Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland
14 March 2020 (Saturday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 141, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starting from 00:00, DH's Port Health Division officers will issue quarantine orders under the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) to people arriving in Hong Kong who have been to Italy (except Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions), Bourgogne-Franche-Comte and Grand Est regions in France, the North Rhine-Westphalia region in Germany, Hokkaido in Japan as well as the La Rioja, Madrid and Pais Vasco regions in Spain in the past 14 days, regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents. They will be subject to compulsory home quarantine
15 March 2020 (Sunday) [No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 148, and no. of probable case: 1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE chaired the eleventh meeting of Steering Committee cum Command Centre in accordance with the Emergency Response Level under the Plan ● The Government issued the Red OTA on Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States ● As the 59-year-old male patient of the 140th case confirmed on 14 March and a couple who had joined the Egypt tour group (the 119th and 124th cases

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	<p>confirmed on 10 March and 11 March respectively) all reside at the “13” unit on different floors in Heng Tai House, Fu Heng Estate, CHP proactively followed up to investigate whether the three cases were related. Personnel from CHP conducted interviews with all residents living at the “13” and “14” units of the whole of Heng Tai House, Fu Heng Estate. In view that the units of the confirmed patients were on the 32nd and 34th floors respectively, CHP decided to take prudent infection control measures, and issued quarantine orders to all asymptomatic residents of “13” and “14” units of the 29th to 34th floors and arranged for them to enter quarantine centres</p>
<p>16 March 2020 (Monday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 157, and no. of probable case: 1]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CE met with Expert Advisory Panel to seek their expert advice ● The Government announced that it would arrange the second batch of chartered flights to take Hong Kong residents currently in Xiaogan, Xianning, Huangshi and Wuhan in Hubei Province back to Hong Kong.
<p>17 March 2020 (Tuesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 167, and no. of probable case: 1]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government issued the Red OTA on all overseas countries/territories based on public health considerations ● Starting from 00:00, DH’s Port Health Division officers will issue quarantine orders under the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) to people arriving in Hong Kong who have been to Korea (except Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do, and also applicable to non-Hong Kong residents) and Schengen Area in Europe (i.e. Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy (except Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto regions), Latvia, Principality of Liechtenstein, Lithuania,

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	<p>Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Republic of Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland) in the past 14 days, regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents. They will be subject to compulsory home quarantine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Persons staying in temporary accommodation provided by the Government will be charged a daily fee of \$200 for accommodation and meal arrangements
<p>18 March 2020 (Wednesday)</p> <p>[No. of confirmed cases in Hong Kong: 192, and no. of probable case: 1]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Government gazetted the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E), mandating persons arriving in Hong Kong from all places outside China to undergo quarantine
<p>19 March 2020 (Thursday)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Starting from 00:00, DH's Port Health Division officers will issue quarantine orders to people arriving in Hong Kong who have been to all overseas countries/territories in the past 14 days, regardless of whether they are Hong Kong residents

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