

PRESS STATEMENT

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MTR Enhances Cleaning and Disinfection of Relevant Stations
Following a Station Assistant Confirmed Positive for "COVID-19"

The MTR Corporation was informed today (10 July 2020) that a part-time station assistant at Tai Wo Station has been confirmed positive for "COVID-19" and conveyed to hospital for treatment. The Corporation wishes her a speedy recovery. Thorough deep cleaning and disinfection has been conducted at Tai Wo Station, where the station assistant worked, as well as University Station and relevant places where she had stopped by.

The station assistant concerned did not show any obvious symptom. As there were confirmed COVID-19 cases near her residence, she had accepted a voluntary deep-throat saliva test and submitted a test sample to the health authority yesterday morning (9 July). She was off duty yesterday. The station assistant's body temperature was normal before she went to work this morning and she wore a mask throughout her shift. After her shift was over, she was on her way back home on an East Rail Line train when she was notified that her test result was confirmed positive. She immediately alighted at University Station and was taken to hospital for treatment by an ambulance. Staff wearing personal protective equipment assisted the station assistant at University Station while maintaining distance.

As a prudent measure, the train concerned has been sent back to a depot for comprehensive disinfection of the train compartments using the "Vapourised Hydrogen Peroxide Robot" (VHP Robot). Cleaners have also thoroughly disinfected the concourses, platforms and back-of-house area of Tai Wo and University stations with 1:49 bleach solution. The Corporation has arranged medical experts to advise Tai Wo and University station staff about health precautions and provide the necessary support.

The Corporation has been stringently implementing infection preventive measures in the past few months including requesting staff to measure their body temperature before work, strengthening the cleaning and disinfection of all stations and trains as well as enhancing the protective equipment for station staff. The Corporation provides masks for station staff and staff must wear masks when they are on duty. Goggles and gloves are also provided for staff when needed to facilitate them in providing railway services and fighting the virus.

The Corporation will continue to maintain close liaison with the relevant departments and cooperate with health authorities in anti-pandemic efforts.

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Photo Caption

The MTR Corporation has arranged cleaners to conduct thorough disinfection in Tai Wo and University stations.

