

Around 30 per cent of public comply with compulsory testing notices to undergo testing in the first day

According to the compulsory testing notices published on December 30 and 31, 2020, the Government has arranged mobile specimen collection stations or other testing facilities for the 43 specified premises to provide testing for persons covered by the compulsory testing notices.

According to the Home Affairs Department (HAD)'s records, on the first day of the compulsory testing period (i.e. December 31, 2020), a total of over 14 600 persons who are required to undergo compulsory testing have undertaken the test, which accounts for 29.2 per cent of the estimated number of residents of corresponding buildings covered by the testing notices. We thank the many residents who had complied with the compulsory testing notices for their co-operation to fight against the virus together.

The HAD today (January 1) appeals to members of the public who are required to undergo testing according to the compulsory testing notices to undergo testing at the testing centers within the period specified in the compulsory testing notices.

In addition, the HAD reminds the public again that the Government will take resolute follow-up action to ensure compliance to all testing notices. To strictly enforce the notice, the HAD is now cross checking the records of people who have undertaken the test as required pursuant to the compulsory testing notice issued for Ming Lai House and Fung Chak House at Choi Wan (II) Estate in Wong Tai Sin, and will trace for those who might not have done so.

The COVID-19 virus is high in transmissibility. Although many patients are asymptomatic, they still infect people around them. Therefore, participating in testing is a responsible act for oneself, family members as well as the community. The Government appeals to the public to undergo testing in compliance with the notice. Any person who fails to comply with the testing notice commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him/her to undergo testing within a specified timeframe. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.