

Effective Exchange Rate Index

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Government completes enforcement action on compulsory testing notice at three buildings in Wong Tai Sin

The Wong Tai Sin District Office together with the Wong Tai Sin Police District and the Department of Health (DH) conducted an enforcement operation today (January 24) at three buildings in Wong Tai Sin, which were included in a compulsory testing notice earlier. The operation started at around 7am and ended at around 10am today.

Starting from around 7am today, persons subject to compulsory testing of Tropicana Gardens Block 1, Block 2 and Block 3, 110 Lung Cheung Road, Wong Tai Sin, were requested to provide the SMS notification received through a mobile phone or related certification containing the results of COVID-19 tests, to show that they had taken such tests as required pursuant to the compulsory testing notice of the three buildings within the specified period issued by the Government earlier on. The Government arranged for staff to verify the testing certifications of the persons subject to compulsory testing at the entrances/exits of the three buildings, and conducted checks in the buildings to verify whether persons subject to compulsory testing had undergone testing in compliance with the requirement.

During the operation, test records of around 560 persons were checked. Among them, 34 persons were found to have violated the compulsory testing notice. The Government has issued compulsory testing orders to them, requiring them to undergo testing within a specified period. Non-compliance with a compulsory testing order is an offence, and offenders are liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The Government reiterates that the aim of issuing a compulsory testing notice is to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community as soon as possible to protect overall public health and safety. Persons subject to testing under a compulsory testing notice should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures, including wearing a mask

and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.

The Government wishes to thank the many residents who had complied with the compulsory testing notice for their co-operation to fight against the virus together. The Government will continue to enforce the law strictly. All persons subject to compulsory testing should comply with the compulsory testing notice. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notice may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Non-compliance with the order is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The Wong Tai Sin District Office is grateful for the support and co-operation of the Police and the DH to enable the enforcement action to be carried out smoothly. The Government understands that the enforcement process may cause some inconvenience to the residents, but hopes that the residents can understand.

Government completes enforcement action on compulsory testing notice at building in Aberdeen

The Southern District Office together with the Western Police District and the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) conducted an enforcement operation today (January 24) at a building in Aberdeen, which was included in a compulsory testing notice earlier. The operation started at around 7am and ended at around 10am today.

Starting from around 7am today, persons subject to compulsory testing of Kong Cheong Court, Aberdeen Centre, 19 Nam Ning Street, Aberdeen, were requested to provide the SMS notification received through a mobile phone or related certification containing the results of COVID-19 tests, to show that they had taken such tests as required pursuant to the compulsory testing notice of the building within the specified period issued by the Government earlier on. The Government arranged for staff to verify the testing certifications of the persons subject to compulsory testing at the entrance/exit of the building, and conducted checks in the building to verify whether persons subject to compulsory testing had undergone testing in compliance with the requirement.

During the operation, test records of around 220 persons were checked.

Among them, nine persons were found to have violated the compulsory testing notice. The Government has issued fixed penalties of \$5,000 and/or compulsory testing orders to them, requiring them to undergo testing within a specified period. Non-compliance with a compulsory testing order is an offence, and offenders are liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

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[Ceremonial Opening of the Legal Year 2022](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

In light of the latest public health situation, the ceremony to mark the opening of the Legal Year 2022 will take place today (January 24) at the Court of Final Appeal, instead of the Hong Kong City Hall.

The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, the Secretary for Justice, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association and the President of the Law Society of Hong Kong will deliver addresses as in previous years.

Special arrangements will be made having regard to the limited capacity of the venue and the need for social distancing. There will be no inspection of the ceremonial guard. Attendance at the ceremony will also be limited.

The ceremony will be broadcast live to the public on the Judiciary's website (www.judiciary.hk) at 4pm today.

Import of poultry meat and products from areas in Korea suspended

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (January 24) that in view of a notification from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs of Korea about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in Jincheon-gun of Chungcheongbuk-do Province and Hwaseong-city of Gyeonggi-do Province in Korea, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry meat and products (including poultry eggs) from the above-mentioned areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that according to the Census and Statistics Department, Hong Kong imported about 10 tonnes of frozen poultry meat and about 280 000 poultry eggs from Korea in the first nine months of last year.

"The CFS has contacted the Korean authority over the issues and will closely monitor information issued by the World Organisation for Animal Health and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.