

Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Cheung Sha Wan and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice (with photo)

The Government yesterday (January 20) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" effective from 7pm yesterday, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Cheung Sha Wan (i.e. Cheung Yan House, Cheung Sha Wan Estate, 9 Tonkin Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon.) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the "restricted area" had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained. Moreover, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from January 7, 2022, to January 20, 2022, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing on or before January 22, 2022. The Government announced the completion of the compulsory testing exercise at around 7am today (January 21) and carried out enforcement action in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing in accordance with the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at around 10am today.

In this exercise, the Housing Department, the Hong Kong Police Force and the Auxiliary Medical Service mobilised around 250 staff to arrange for implementation of the declaration and enforcement actions for breaches of the compulsory testing notice issued earlier.

The Government provided simple food for persons subject to compulsory testing, including canned food, instant noodles and corn soup, so as to facilitate the dinner arrangements of some persons subject to compulsory testing. One box of masks was also provided to each person subject to compulsory testing to help them fight against the virus.

The Housing Department set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their

support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled with the tireless efforts of the testing contractors, residents have been informed about their testing results by SMS notification. After finishing the compulsory testing exercise at around 7am today, the Government took enforcement action in the "restricted area" immediately to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone testing according to the requirements of the declaration and the compulsory testing notice. Persons who could present an SMS notification containing a negative test result or wore a wristband as proof of having undergone the compulsory testing could leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer. The enforcement operation was completed at around 10am. Test records of around 790 persons subject to compulsory testing were checked. Seven persons were found to have not undergone compulsory testing and compulsory testing orders were issued to them. Taking into account the above situation, the Secretary for Food and Health revoked the "restriction-testing declaration" in accordance with Cap. 599J (see attachment).

The Government reminded the 57 households who have not answered the door to contact the Government for arrangement of testing as soon as possible after reading the notices put up by the Government, in the hope of eliminating the possible risk of further spread of the virus in the community.

The Government thanks all participating government staff and the testing agencies for their hard work. The Government is also grateful to those subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding, and their full co-operation during this period in undergoing testing and waiting for the results at home.

The Government will seriously follow up on the compliance situation of the compulsory testing notices and the "restriction-testing declaration" by persons subject to compulsory testing. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and 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. Failure to comply with the order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.



Eligible persons aged 60 to 64 must apply for JoyYou Card by end-January to enjoy \$2 concessionary fare from February 27 as scheduled

The Government appealed to eligible persons aged 60 to 64 who will soon benefit under the Government Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities (\$2 Scheme) but have yet to apply for the JoyYou Card, a Personalised Octopus Card tailor-made for the Scheme, to act quickly. They must submit their applications via the Octopus App mobile application or visit the temporary JoyYou Card Application Service Centres for application on or before January 31 (Monday). Otherwise, they will not be able to enjoy the \$2 concessionary fare from February 27 as scheduled.

The service hours of the temporary service centres are 9am to 8pm from Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays, and they will be closed on Sundays and public holidays (see Annex for locations). The temporary service centres will operate until March 12. Members of the public who need assistance to apply for JoyYou Cards may visit the service centres on or before that date.

Eligible persons aged 60 to 64 must use a JoyYou Card to enjoy the \$2 concessionary fare from February 27. Octopus Cards Limited (OCL) has so far received a total of about 537 800 applications, representing about 88.2 per cent of the estimated population born from 1957 to 1961.

OCL has requested supplementary information regarding applications with incomplete information. Applicants who received an SMS should call the service hotline (2266 2222) (press 6, 2, 3 and 0 after choosing the language to contact operators directly) as soon as possible. Applicants who received letters should submit the supplementary information within 14 days by using the standard form and return envelope attached to the letter. Otherwise, their applications will not be processed further. OCL has started sending out JoyYou Cards by post and notified applicants via SMS. If they are not received 10 days after receiving the SMS or four weeks after completing an application, applicants should call the service hotline.

OCL will continue to accept applications by post or via the Octopus App, but eligible persons submitting their applications after January 31 may not receive their JoyYou Cards before February 27. In addition, those reaching 60 in three months may apply for the JoyYou Card via the Octopus App or by posting the application forms to enjoy the concessionary fare when they reach 60 or from February 27 (whichever is later).

The links to download the Octopus App, the online version of the application form (without a postage-free return envelope) and details of distribution points for paper application forms (with a postage-free return envelope) have been uploaded to the JoyYou Card webpage (www.octopus.com.hk/joyyou/en), which also features short videos illustrating detailed steps of filling in and submitting the application form via the [Octopus App](#) or [by post](#). For enquiries, please call the service hotline.

The JoyYou Card carries the photo and the name of the eligible person, who will be issued with one card only. The Government will subsidise the \$20 application fee for the first application and applicants do not need to pay any fee separately. Beneficiaries aged 65 or above may continue to enjoy the concessionary fare and the Government will announce their application arrangements separately, while eligible persons with disabilities may continue to enjoy the concessionary fare and do not need to apply.

Proposed permanent closure of section of Kam Po Road in Yuen Long gazetted

The Government gazetted today (January 21) the proposed permanent closure of a section of Kam Po Road between Kam Wui Road and Tung Wui Road in Yuen Long for transitional housing development in the area.

Details of the proposed works are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Yuen Long Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
G/F, Yuen Long District Office Building,
269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, New Territories

District Lands Office, Yuen Long,
9/F, Yuen Long Government Offices,
2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, New Territories

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan are available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than March 22, 2022.

Public transport interchange at Tak Tin Street and associated road improvement works in Lam Tin authorised

The Chief Executive in Council has authorised the public transport interchange at Tak Tin Street and associated road improvement works in Lam Tin. The notice was gazetted today (January 21).

Details of the works are set out in the Annex.

Construction of footbridge near MTR Kowloon Bay Station Exit A authorised

The Chief Executive in Council has authorised the construction of a covered footbridge across Kwun Tong Road near MTR Kowloon Bay Station Exit A. The notice was gazetted today (January 21).

Details of the works are set out in the Annex.