

Director of Health inspects and undergoes testing at community testing centre at Queen Elizabeth Stadium (with photos)

The Director of Health, Dr Constance Chan, today (September 1) inspected the community testing centre set up at Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Wan Chai to learn about its operation on the first day of the Universal Community Testing Programme (UCTP). She also participated in the UCTP and had her samples taken on-site.

The Government today launched the UCTP to provide a one-off free testing service for the public in 141 community testing centres. One of the community testing centres is set up at Queen Elizabeth Stadium. The centre's overall operation is led by dental and nursing staff from the Department of Health (DH).

Accompanied by the Consultant in-charge, Dental Services of the DH, Dr Wiley Lam, and the Principal Nursing Officer of the DH, Dr Mary Foong, Dr Chan paid a visit to the centre on its first day of officially providing services. They viewed the rigorous testing workflow and arrangements, as well as the collaboration among staff in different positions. Dr Chan, Dr Lam and Dr Foong also had their combined nasal and throat swabs collected by colleagues on-site for testing.

Dr Chan chatted with colleagues on duty at the centre to know more about their work. She expressed support and gratitude to colleagues for their dedication, professionalism and active participation, which has facilitated the programme's smooth operation and contributed to the prevention and control of COVID-19.

Dr Chan appealed to members of the public to participate in the UCTP so that asymptomatic patients carrying the virus can be identified as early as possible and the virus transmission chain can be cut as soon as possible.

