

[FEHD arranges one-off free COVID-19 testing service for staff of supermarkets and club catering premises and licensed hawkers](#)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (August 20) launched a COVID-19 testing service for staff of supermarkets and catering business staff of clubhouses that hold a Certificate of Compliance and have submitted an application for registration with the Home Affairs Department (HAD), as well as licensed hawkers. The persons concerned do not need to register online. The testing agency (Prenetics Limited) will progressively deliver specimen bottles to all supermarkets and club catering premises as well as licensed hawkers for collecting deep throat saliva samples from today.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "To strengthen anti-epidemic work, the Government earlier launched the voluntary one-off free testing service for high-risk groups, which include catering business staff (including those of licensed restaurants, licensed light refreshment restaurants, licensed marine restaurants, licensed factory canteens, school canteens, staff canteens, public market cooked food/light refreshment stalls and licensed cooked food hawker stalls) and staff of market stalls. The Government announced that the testing service will be extended to other groups including premises visited by the public frequently for purchasing daily necessities or dining."

The spokesman said that the testing agency will be responsible for the provision of one-stop service. It will deliver specimen bottles to staff of supermarkets and catering business staff of clubhouses that hold a Certificate of Compliance and have submitted an application for registration with the HAD, as well as licensed hawkers, for collecting deep throat saliva samples, and will then collect the samples in the subsequent one or two days for testing. Cases with positive results will be relayed to the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for follow-up.

The FEHD will work closely with the testing agency to determine the priority of each premises with reference to a risk-based approach and manpower resources.

The FEHD strongly appeals to the people concerned to participate in the testing scheme, to continue to comply with the Government's regulation to wear a mask, and to maintain personal and environmental hygiene continuously.

For details of the testing scheme, please call the hotline of the testing agency (Prenetics Limited) at 3008 8319 or visit the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk).