<u>FEHD continues to arrange free</u> <u>COVID-19 testing services for targeted</u> <u>groups</u>

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said today (July 31) that apart from the regular testing services provided for practitioners working at Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse, the FEHD will continue to arrange free COVID-19 testing services for targeted groups, including high-exposure groups such as staff and personnel working in markets, licensed hawkers and practitioners of cold stores, to safeguard public health. The deadline for online registration for the scheme has been extended to August 31. People in high-exposure groups who have already registered and undergone testing may register again.

Under the scheme, the testing agency (Prenetics Limited) will be responsible for the provision of one-stop services covering specimen taking and testing. For details of the testing programme, please call the hotline of the testing agency at 3008 8319 or visit the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/events/covid19 test/info 20200926.html).

In addition, the lists of catering premises choosing to operate under Types C or D Modes of Operation under the "vaccine bubble" have been earlier uploaded to the FEHD's "vaccine bubble" thematic webpage (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/events/covid19/vaccine_bubble_locations.html), the relevant information has also been released on the Public Sector Information Portal (data.gov.hk) for use by the trade and the public.

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the spokesman appealed to the groups concerned to continue to comply with the directions made under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), and to maintain personal and environmental hygiene continuously with a view to ensuring cleanliness of the premises and food safety.