

Government completes enforcement action on compulsory testing notice at building in Tai Kok Tsui

The Inland Revenue Department together with the Mong Kok Police District and the Department of Health conducted an enforcement operation today (August 11) at a building in Tai Kok Tsui, which was included in a compulsory testing notice earlier. The operation started at around 7.15am and ended at around 10am today.

Starting from around 7.15am today, persons subject to compulsory testing of Block 7, Metro Harbour View, Tai Kok Tsui, 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 entrances/exits of the building, to verify whether persons subject to compulsory testing had undergone testing in compliance with the requirement.

During the operation, test records of 354 persons were checked. Among them, 46 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. Fixed penalty notices of \$10,000 each were also issued to six of them.

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 notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$10,000. The person would 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 compulsory testing order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 5 (\$50,000) and imprisonment for six months.

The Government is grateful for the support and co-operation of the residents and relevant organisations. The Government understands that the enforcement process may cause some inconvenience to the residents, but hopes that the residents can understand.