

Government completes enforcement action on compulsory testing notice at building in Tin Shui Wai

The Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau and its departments together with the Yuen Long Police District and the Department of Health conducted an enforcement operation today (August 22) at a building in Tin Shui Wai, which was included in a compulsory testing notice earlier. The operation started at 7am and ended at 10am today.

Starting from 7am today, persons subject to compulsory testing of Block 7, Locwood Court, Kingswood Villas, Tin Shui Wai, 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, 233 persons were checked. Among them, three 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 two 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 Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau and its departments are 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.