

Government completes enforcement action on compulsory testing notice at two buildings in Tsuen Wan

The Tsuen Wan District Office together with the Tsuen Wan Police District and the Department of Health (DH) conducted an enforcement operation today (January 24) at two buildings in Tsuen Wan, which were included in a compulsory testing notice earlier. The operation started at around 7am and ended at around 9am today.

Starting from around 7am today, persons subject to compulsory testing of Sea Crest Villa Phase 2 Block 5 and Block 6, 18 Castle Peak Road-Tsing Lung Tau, Tsuen Wan, 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 two buildings 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 two buildings, and conducted checks in the buildings to verify whether persons subject to compulsory testing had undergone testing in compliance with the requirement.

During the operation, test records of around 180 persons were checked. Nobody was found to have not undergone compulsory testing.

The Government reiterates that the aim of issuing a compulsory testing notice is to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community as soon as possible to protect overall public health and safety. Persons subject to testing under a compulsory testing notice should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures, including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.

The Government wishes to thank all 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 notice may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Non-compliance with the order is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for six months.

The Tsuen Wan District Office is grateful for the support and co-operation of the Police and the DH to enable the enforcement action to be

carried out smoothly. The Government understands that the enforcement process may cause some inconvenience to the residents, but hopes that the residents can understand.