

Government completes enforcement actions on compulsory testing notices at buildings in Tsuen Wan and Tin Shui Wai

The Tsuen Wan District Office and the Yuen Long District Office, together with relevant police districts and the Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS), conducted enforcement actions on compulsory testing notices today (February 1) at two buildings in Tsuen Wan and Tin Shui Wai, which were included in compulsory testing notices earlier, respectively. The operations started at around 7am and ended at around 11am.

Starting from around 7am today, residents of Block R, Luk Yeung Sun Chuen, 22-66 Wai Tsuen Road, Tsuen Wan, and that of Block 9, Lynwood Court, Kingswood Villas, 3 Tin Kwai Road, Tin Shui Wai, were requested to provide an SMS notification received through mobile phone or related certification containing the results of COVID-19 tests arranged by the Government, to show that they had taken such tests as required pursuant to the compulsory testing notices within the specified period issued by the Government earlier on. The Government arranged staff to verify the testing certifications of the residents at the entrances/exits of the buildings, and conducted random checks in the buildings to verify whether residents have undergone testing in compliance with the requirement.

During the operation conducted at Block R, Luk Yeung Sun Chuen, test records of over 240 residents were checked. As for the operation conducted at Block 9, Lynwood Court, test records of over 400 residents were checked. All of the residents in the two operations have complied with the compulsory testing notices and underwent testing within the specified period.

The Government reiterates that the aim of issuing the compulsory testing notices is to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community as soon as possible to protect the 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 notices 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 notices. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him/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 and the Yuen Long District Office are grateful for the support and co-operation by the Police and the AMS to enable the enforcement actions to be carried out smoothly. The Government understands that the enforcement process may cause some inconvenience to the residents, but hopes the residents can understand.