

Government follows up on positive results of sewage surveillance and appeals to residents to undergo virus testing

The Government announced today (August 9) that in order to fight the coronavirus epidemic, the Environmental Protection Department and the Drainage Services Department have been collecting sewage samples for virus testing in all districts, and had detected positive results in some areas, indicating that there may be hidden cases in the premises within these areas.

Rapid test

As regards positive sewage testing results with relatively high viral loads in the following areas, the Housing Department and the respective District Offices will commence distributing about 210 000 sets of the COVID-19 rapid antigen test (RAT) kits to residents, cleaning workers and property management staff working in the following areas for them to take the test on their own, in order to help identify infected persons:

- Sham Shui Po District – Wing Cheong Estate, Nam Cheong Estate, Cullinan West, Cullinan West II, Cullinan West III, Yee Ching Court, Yee Kok Court, Manor Centre, Golden Building, Trinity Towers, and residential premises around Dianthus Road and Peony Road (See Annex)
- Tsuen Wan District – Cheung Shan Estate, Tsuen Cheong Centre, Ho Fai Garden, Ham Tin Tsuen, Yeung Uk Tsuen, Ho Pui Tsuen, Hoi Pa San Tsuen, Kwan Mun Hau Tsuen, Fou Wah Centre, Tsuen Fung Centre, Waldorf Centre, Fairview Garden, Luk Yeung Sun Chuen, The Cliveden and The Cairnhill
- North District – Ching Ho Estate, Cheung Lung Wai Estate and Fai Ming Estate

Members of the public may refer to (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/rat/eng/rat.html) for enquiries relating to the use of the RAT kits.

When using an RAT kit, please pay attention to and follow the instructions from the manufacturer to perform the test and read the result properly. It is advisable to record the displayed result by taking a photo immediately after reading. Users should wash their hands before and after performing the tests, and avoid placing non-essential items within the specimen collection area. After completing the test, wrap and seal all components of the test kit carefully and dispose of them properly. If the household environment is contaminated during the specimen collecting process, disinfection should be conducted with 1 in 49 diluted bleach solution or 70 per cent alcohol.

People who obtained a positive result through an RAT for the first time can report via the online platform "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" (www.chp.gov.hk/ratp). If individuals encounter difficulties using the online platform, they can call the automated system at 183 6119 to register their identification document and telephone number. The Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health will contact the relevant person later to finish the report procedure.