

Government reopens mobile specimen collection stations at Tung Tau II Estate, Jat Min Chuen and Choi Wan II Estate and extends operation of multiple stations

The local COVID-19 epidemic situation is worsening rapidly. The confirmed cases are distributed all over the territory. Some of the confirmed cases are asymptomatic and this indicates the existence of many silent transmission chains in the community. The Government is very concerned about a number of COVID-19 confirmed cases reported recently at Kwai Tung House of Tung Tau (II) Estate, Ming Yan Lau of Jat Min Chuen and Ming Lai House of Choi Wan (II) Estate, and has arranged for testing agencies to reopen mobile specimen collection stations at the following locations and dates to provide free testing service for residents and workers in those districts:

Re-opened mobile specimen collection station	Opening dates (tentative)
Badminton Court and Volleyball Court of Tung Tau (II) Estate, Wong Tai Sin (near G/F, Kwai Tung House) (only for residents and workers of Tung Tau (II) Estate)	From today until December 27
Basketball Court of Jat Min Chuen, Sha Tin (only for residents and workers of Jat Min Chuen)	December 27 to 29
Basketball Court next to Ming Lai House of Choi Wan (II) Estate, Wong Tai Sin (only for residents and workers of Choi Wan (II) Estate)	December 27 to 29

Operating hours of the abovementioned mobile specimen collection stations are from 10am to 8pm. The Government will decide whether it is necessary to extend the operation period of the stations after reviewing their usage and public's demand for the testing service.

Separately, after reviewing the usage and public's demand for the testing service, the Government has decided to extend the service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at Ping Tin Estate and Fu Shan Estate to December 28 (Monday) and December 29 (Tuesday) respectively.

The Government has earlier extended the service periods for the stations at Heung Sze Wui Street in Tai Po, Sha Tsui Road in Tsuen Wan, Wong Tai Sin Square, Tung Chung North Park and Wong Chuk Hang Recreation Ground to December 31 (Thursday). The opening dates and operating hours of the mobile specimen collection stations in various districts providing free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services for the general public are at Annex.

A Government spokesman said, "The testing agencies will provide specimen collection services by combined nasal and throat swabs at the mobile specimen collection stations for testing free of charge. Persons who are subject to compulsory testing and undergo testing at the mobile specimen collection stations will be deemed to have undergone a test at a Community Testing Centre. The mobile specimen collection stations will accord priority to provide testing service for local residents and workers who are subject to compulsory testing."

People whose test results are negative will be informed by SMS through their mobile phones. If any specimen tested shows a preliminarily positive result, the specimen will be referred to the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the Department of Health (DH) for a confirmatory test. Confirmed cases will be followed up and announced by the Centre for Health Protection of the DH.

The spokesman urged all individuals who are in doubt about their own health condition, or individuals with exposure to infection risk (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or contacted confirmed cases) to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons.