

Government to provide rapid antigen test kits and KN95 masks to frontline cleaning workers and property management staff working in residential buildings

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (March 17) announced that the Government would provide 1.5 million sets of rapid antigen test (RAT) kit and 1.5 million KN95 masks to frontline cleaning workers and property management staff working in residential buildings in support and recognition of their anti-epidemic work.

The EPD expressed gratitude to the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies and the Hong Kong Association of Property Services Agents for their support to persons undergoing home quarantine under the "StayHomeSafe" Scheme and those pending admission to hospitals or isolation facilities. They also helped promote the proper and safe handling of waste generated by the persons concerned according to the Centre for Health Protection's guideline to safeguard public health and safety.

The two professional bodies represent a membership of 350 property management companies, serving 15 000 private residential premises (with 1 750 000 private residential units) and managing over 450 000 public rental housing units. Through their members, the two professional bodies also helped educate the residents on the proper way to dispose of waste generated by the persons concerned.

To support the work of the two professional bodies and to protect the frontline cleaning workers and property management staff working in residential buildings, the Government will distribute to them 1.5 million sets of RAT kit and 1.5 million KN95 masks through the property management companies. More than 200 000 frontline cleaning workers and property management staff will be benefitted.

A spokesman for the EPD said, "Since the outbreak of the fifth wave of the COVID-19 epidemic, the frontline cleaning workers and property management staff have been performing their work dutifully and also supporting people on home quarantine under the 'StayHomeSafe' Scheme and those pending admission to hospitals or isolation facilities. Property management companies also assist the Government in promoting to the persons concerned the proper way of handling household refuse to protect public health."

"The property management personnel are close partners of the Government during the anti-epidemic period. They join hands with the Government in safeguarding the health of people and fighting the epidemic in solidarity."