

HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff in Eastern and North Districts

In light of positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from sewage samples collected in Eastern and North Districts, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) said today (August 15) that the Eastern District Office (EDO) and the North District Office (NDO) have distributed a total of about 196 000 COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the Districts.

The EDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in CASA 880, Cheung Yuen Mansion, Healthy Village Phase 1 to 3, North Point Mansion, Novum East, Braemar Terrace, La Place de Victoria, Mansion Building, Wah Shun Gardens, Yuen Tung Building, Lido Apartments, Tai On Building and Victoria Harbour for voluntary testing through the property management companies.

In addition, the NDO also started distributing rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in On Shing Court, Noble Hill, On Kwok Villa, Royal Jubilee, Good View New Village, Tin Ping Estate, Cheong Shing Court, Fanling Garden and Mount One for voluntary testing through the property management companies.

The HAD made the above arrangements in the hope of identifying infected persons early.

Members of the public may refer to the demonstration video produced by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) under the Department of Health (DH) via www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzFAUzTtmKk to learn how to use the rapid antigen test (RAT) kit.

Persons testing positive through an RAT should take a photo of the test result and declare the result within 24 hours via the Declaration System for Individuals Tested Positive for COVID-19 Using Rapid Antigen Test (www.chp.gov.hk/ratp). If members of the public encounter difficulties in using the online platform, they can call the automated system at 183 6119 to register their identification document and telephone number. The CHP under the DH will contact the relevant person later to complete the report procedure. There is no need to declare negative test results.

The Government appeals for the co-operation of members of the public to safeguard the health of themselves and their families by undergoing testing on a voluntary basis and fighting the virus together. The Government urges

all individuals who are in doubt about their own health condition, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or had contact with cases that tested positive), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons to reduce the transmission risks of COVID-19.