

HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff in Kwun Tong, Islands, Sham Shui Po, Sai Kung and Kwai Tsing (with photos)

In light of the positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from some sewage samples collected in Kwun Tong, Islands, Sham Shui Po, Sai Kung and Kwai Tsing, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) said today (March 9) that the Kwun Tong District Office (KTDO), the Islands District Office (IsDO), the Sham Shui Po District Office (SSPDO), the Sai Kung District Office (SKDO) and the Kwai Tsing District Office (K&TDO) have distributed a total of about 210 000 COVID-19 rapid test kits (rapid test kits) to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the districts.

The KTDO and the IsDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Sau Mau Ping Estate in Kwun Tong District, and Yat Tung (I) Estate and Yat Tung (II) Estate in Islands District for voluntary testing through the property management companies respectively.

The SSPDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Fu Cheong Estate and Wing Cheong Estate for voluntary testing through the Housing Department and the property management companies, and also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Cullinan West, Cullinan West II, Cullinan West III for voluntary testing through the property management companies.

In addition, the SKDO and the K&TDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in King Lam Estate, Metro City Phase 1 and Metro City Phase 2 in Sai Kung District, and Easeful Court, Ching Wang Court, Ching Nga Court, Serene Garden, Ching Tai Court, Cheung Fat Estate and Tsing Yi Estate in Kwai Tsing District for voluntary testing through the property management companies respectively.

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

For people who obtained positive results through rapid antigen test (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 in using the online platform, they can call the automated system at 1836 119 to register their identification document and telephone number. The Centre for Health Protection will contact the relevant person later to finish the report procedure.

Besides, if people living or working in the above areas are tested positive with the rapid test kits, they may call 2280 4772, the Government's 24-hour hotline for "persons tested positive with rapid antigen tests in areas with positive sewage testing results" to arrange door-to-door delivery of RAT kits and/or a nasal swab self-sampling kit free of charge. If people wish to undergo polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, they may collect nasal swab specimen and arrange door-to-door collection of the specimen for PCR testing.

For more information on rapid test kits, please view the following demonstration video produced by the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzFAUzTtmKk.

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.



