

HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff in Sha Tin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po and Central and Western Districts

In light of positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from sewage samples collected in Sha Tin, Sham Shui Po, Tai Po and Central and Western Districts, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) said today (September 13) that the Sha Tin District Office (STD0), the Sham Shui Po District Office (SSPDO), the Tai Po District Office (TPDO) and the Central and Western District Office (C&WDO) have distributed a total of about 236 000 COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the Districts.

The STD0 distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Seanorama, Altissimo, Lake Silver, St Barths, Crown of St Barths, Kwong Yuen Estate and Siu Lek Yuen Village for voluntary testing through the owners' corporations, the owners' committees, the property management companies and the village representative.

The SSPDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Aqua Marine, One West Kowloon and Mei Foo Sun Chuen Phase 7 for voluntary testing through the property management companies, the owners' corporations and the owners' committees.

In addition, the TPDO and C&WDO also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Tai Po Centre, Tai Po Plaza and Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po District, as well as Kwun Lung Lau and residential premises around Belcher's Street and Forbes Street in Central and Western District for voluntary testing through the property management companies and the owners' corporations.

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.