

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

In light of positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from sewage samples collected in Sha Tin, Tai Po, North and Southern Districts, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) said today (October 17) that the Sha Tin District Office (STD0), the Tai Po District Office (TPD0), the North District Office (NDO) and the Southern District Office (WTSD0) have distributed a total of about 224 000 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 Ka Tin Court, Ka Shun Court, Parc Royale, Hill Paramount, Julimount Garden, World-Wide Gardens, residential premises around Shing Ho Road and Chik Chuen Street, Ascot Villa, Greenheight Villa, Royal Forest, Golden Time Villas, Woodcrest Hills, Sha Tin Heights and Mei Ying Court for voluntary testing through the property management companies, the owners' corporations and the owners' committees.

The TPD0 distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Po Nga Court and Parc Versailles for voluntary testing through the property management companies and the owners' corporations.

The NDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Shan Lai Court, Ma Wat Tsuen, Wing Ning Wai and Shung Him Tong for voluntary testing through the property management company and the Village Representatives.

In addition, the SDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in South Horizons, residential premises around Wah Ting Street and Shan Ming Street 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.