

HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff in Yuen Long, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and North Districts (with photos)

In light of the positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from some sewage samples collected in Yuen Long, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Kwun Tong, Kwai Tsing and North Districts, the Home Affairs Department (including the Yuen Long District Office (YLDO), the Sham Shui Po District Office (SSPDO), the Sha Tin District Office (STD0), the Tai Po District Office (TPDO), the Kwun Tong District Office (KTDO), the Kwai Tsing District Office (K&TDO) and the North District Office (NDO)) today (February 23) distributed a total of about 30 580 COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the districts.

The YLDO today started to distribute rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Tin Shui (II) Estate, Yau Tai House, Yau Ning House and Yau Hong House of Tin Yau Court, Yiu Hong House and Yiu Fu House of Tin Yiu (I) Estate, and Uptown for voluntary testing through the Housing Department (HD) and the property management companies.

The SSPDO also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Cheong Yat House and Cheong Him House for voluntary testing through the owners' corporation and the property management company of Nam Cheong Estate.

The STD0 distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in Kam Ying Court and Shek Mun Estate for voluntary testing through the HD and the property management companies.

The TPDO also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Fu Heng Estate for voluntary testing through the property management company of the Estate.

The KTDO distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in Yau Mei Court for voluntary testing through the property management company.

The K&TDO distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property

management staff working in Greenfield Garden, Cheung Hang Estate and Cheung Hong Estate in Tsing Yi for voluntary testing through the HD and the property management companies.

In addition, the NDO distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in Choi Yuen Estate for voluntary testing through the HD and the property service management office of the Estate.

The Home Affairs Department made the above arrangements in the hope of identifying infected persons early, so as to better protect the infected persons and their families. However, the Government stresses that rapid test kit testing is not a substitute for the Government's compulsory testing requirement.

If people living or working in the areas with positive sewage testing results test 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 for door-to-door delivery of nasal swab self-sampling kits and collection of the specimen for polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid confirmatory testing free of charge.

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.



