

## HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to Yuen Long residents (with photo)

In the light of the positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from some sewage samples collected in Yuen Long Site 4A (the Site) (See Annex), the Home Affairs Department and the Yuen Long District Office (YLDO) distributed today (January 28) and will continue to do so tomorrow (January 29) a total of some 28 000 COVID-19 rapid test kits to residents within the Site.

Starting from today, YLDO has been distributing the rapid test kits to households living within the Site through owners' corporations, residents' organisations and property management companies. YLDO has also been giving out the test kits to households of "three-nil" buildings and in the rural area within the Site with the respective help of local organisations and the relevant Rural Committees. YLDO already distributed around 17 000 rapid test kits to residents within the Site today, 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.

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.

