

Labour Department continues to set up mobile specimen collection stations to provide COVID-19 testing services for foreign domestic helpers and encourages them to get vaccinated

The Labour Department (LD) announced today (June 2) that mobile specimen collection stations will continue to be set up at popular gathering places of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) on Sundays in June, and at the Tuen Ng Festival (June 14) to provide COVID-19 testing services for FDHs, and encouraged FDHs to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect their health.

An LD spokesman said, "The LD will continue to set up mobile specimen collection stations in June at popular gathering places of FDHs to assist FDHs to receive the test voluntarily. No prior appointment is required. We also appeal to all FDHs to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect their own health and the health of their employers' families and others."

The four mobile specimen collection stations will be set up at Chater Garden in Central (near Exit J2 of MTR Central Station), Hing Fat Street entrance of Victoria Park in Causeway Bay (near Exit A2 of MTR Tin Hau Station), Lai Chi Kok Park entrance (near Exit D of MTR Mei Foo Station) and Tai Ho Road entrance of Tsuen Wan Park (near Exit D of MTR Tsuen Wan West Station). Mobile specimen collection stations are open on Sundays in June (June 6, 13, 20 and 27) and at the Tuen Ng Festival (June 14), from 10am to 5pm. An FDH should bring along his/her Hong Kong identity card or passport, and register his/her personal information on the spot at the government website (www.tgptest.gov.hk. Please select "Non-Government Staff – Foreign domestic helpers") in order to receive an SMS notification of the test result. FDHs will receive an SMS notification of the barcode number of the specimen bottle they collect after registration for reference. If necessary, duty officers can assist the FDH in registration.

The testing agent will provide specimen collection services by combined nasal and throat swab to FDHs receiving the test, and will deliver the specimens to the laboratory for testing. The testing agent will not acquire or retain any personal information of the participants. Participants will be notified of a negative test result via SMS. Positive cases will be referred to the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health (DH) for follow-up, and the DH will contact the participant concerned if it is confirmed to be an infection case.

For enquiries, please contact the LD through the dedicated FDH hotline at 2157 9537 (manned by 1823) or by email to fdh-enquiry@labour.gov.hk.