Labour Department reminds foreign domestic helpers to undergo compulsory testing as soon as possible

The Labour Department (LD) today (May 28) again reminded foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) to comply with the compulsory testing notice (CTN) to undergo COVID-19 testing for a second time on or before May 30 (Sunday).

An LD spokesman said, "In accordance with the CTN issued by the Government earlier, all FDHs working in Hong Kong have to undergo compulsory testing for a second time during the period from May 15 to May 30. As in the previous round of compulsory testing, FDHs who have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine for 14 days are exempted from undergoing the test. We remind FDHs who have yet to receive testing to make use of the service provided at community testing centres and mobile specimen collection stations to undergo the test as soon as possible. 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 Government will seriously verify whether relevant persons have complied with the CTN. Any relevant person who fails to comply with the CTN commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of $5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 ($25,000) and imprisonment for six months. The Government reminds FDHs to keep the SMS notification containing the test result for checking by law enforcement officers. As for exempted FDHs, they can download their electronic vaccination records or save the printouts of their vaccination records on their mobile phones, or bring along the printouts or copies of their vaccination records, so as to prove their eligibility for exemption to law enforcement officers.

The Government thanks FDHs and employers for their understanding and co-operation with the anti-epidemic measures.