

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

â€‹The Labour Department today (May 6) reminded foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) to be tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible.

The Government announced on April 30 that all FDHs in Hong Kong who had yet to complete a COVID-19 vaccination course are required to receive testing on a compulsory basis on or before May 9. Specimens were collected for more than 201 000 FDHs from May 1 to 4 at community testing centres (CTCs) and mobile specimen collection stations. As of May 4, more than 130 000 FDHs have reserved time slots at CTCs for receiving the test from May 5 to 9.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said, "We remind FDHs who are subject to compulsory testing to be tested as soon as possible. To avoid long wait times on the weekend, we encourage FDHs to receive testing today (May 6) and tomorrow (May 7) as far as possible. We appeal to employers to allow their FDHs to receive testing on a weekday."

For FDHs who have yet to receive their testing, they can make use of the service provided at CTCs and mobile specimen collection stations in the coming few days. Details can be found in the Food and Health Bureau's press release of May 5 ([www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/05/P2021050500844.htm](http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202105/05/P2021050500844.htm)).

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