

Mobile van to distribute and collect virus testing specimen bottles in Tai Po from this afternoon

â€œIn view of the recent development of the COVID-19 epidemic and based on risk assessment, the Government will arrange a testing agency, Prenetics Limited, to distribute and collect deep throat saliva specimen bottles by mobile van in Tai Po for three consecutive days starting this afternoon (November 8), with a view to facilitating and encouraging residents of the district or individuals who perceive themselves as having a higher risk of exposure to undergo free COVID-19 testing.

The testing agency's mobile van will be parked near to the taxi station in front of Hang Seng Bank at 41 Kwong Fuk Road from 1.30 pm to 6 pm today. Members of the public may collect and return the specimen bottles free of charge. The mobile van will operate from 10 am to 5 pm between November 9 and November 10.

A government spokesman said, "The testing agency will distribute specimen bottles to members of the public for deep throat saliva samples and then collect these samples at the same spot for testing. Positive cases identified will be immediately referred to the Centre for Health Protection under the Department of Health for follow-up."

The spokesman urged all individuals who are doubtful about their own health conditions to undergo the testing for the protection of themselves and others and to fight the epidemic together.