

Persons completed home isolation may cut and dispose of electronic wristbands

A Government spokesman today (July 21) reminded that persons infected with COVID-19 may cut and dispose of the electronic wristbands and uninstall the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app upon completion of the home isolation requirement.

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Following the enhancements on the management of cases tested positive for COVID-19 since last week, the Government required confirmed cases to put on the electronic wristbands during the home isolation period, with a view to ensuring compliance with the isolation requirement under the law that they must not leave their household area so as to further minimise the chance of community transmission.

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In accordance with the prevailing requirement, the default isolation period is 14 days. The infected persons undergoing home isolation can be released earlier from isolation if they have received at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccines and obtained negative rapid antigen test (RAT) results for two consecutive days on Day 6 and 7 after being tested positive (the day following testing or collection of sample is counted as Day 1; if there is no such testing or collection record, the day on receiving the test result is counted as Day 1). Otherwise, they have to continue with home isolation and conduct RAT daily until obtaining negative results for two consecutive days. Infected persons who have yet to receive vaccination or received less than two doses of COVID-19 vaccines should undergo home isolation for 14 days.

The spokesman said, "Persons who complete home isolation can cut and dispose of the electronic wristbands and uninstall the 'StayHomeSafe' mobile app on their mobile phones. The Government will not give any separate notice."

The spokesman cautioned that except for specified circumstances, cutting off the electronic wristbands or uninstalling the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app is considered as violating the isolation orders and is a criminal offence. Offenders are subject to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for six months.

For details, please refer to the "[Handbook for Persons Tested Positive for COVID-19](#)".