

Temporary testing centres continue to provide free testing service to public

As at 8pm today (October 14), specimens had been collected from a total of 8 676 persons at Wan Chai, Kwai Tsing, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong Temporary Testing Centres set up by the Government for COVID-19 nucleic acid tests. The temporary testing centres will continue to provide service to members of the public till this Friday (October 16) tentatively.

Specimens from 1 041 persons were collected today at the Wan Chai Temporary Testing Centre located at Harbour Road Sports Centre.

Specimens from 786 persons were collected today at the Kwai Tsing Temporary Testing Centre located at Shek Lei Community Hall.

Specimens from 674 persons were collected today at the Kowloon City Temporary Testing Centre located at Kai Tak Community Hall.

Specimens from 1 237 persons were collected today at the Yau Tsim Mong Temporary Testing Centre located at Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre.

A Government spokesman said that in view of the worsening COVID-19 epidemic situation in Hong Kong, the Government has set up one temporary testing centre in each of the four districts, namely Wan Chai, Kwai Tsing, Kowloon City and Yau Tsim Mong Districts, which are related to recent community outbreak clusters. The temporary testing centres will be open from 8am to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 8pm till October 16 tentatively, to provide free specimen collection and testing services to facilitate proactive testing of members of the public, in order to identify cases and asymptomatic patients as early as possible so as to cut the transmission chains in the community.

As at 10pm today, a total of 4 938 specimens collected under the temporary community testing arrangement had been tested. If any specimen tested shows a positive COVID-19 result, the specimen will be referred to the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the Department of Health (DH) for a confirmatory test. Confirmed cases will be followed up and announced by the Centre for Health Protection of the DH.

Moreover, to facilitate more members of the public to receive COVID-19 tests, distribution time of the deep throat saliva specimen collection packs at the 46 general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority (HA) has been extended to 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm from Monday to Friday. The 46 HA GOPCs distributed a total of over 2 200 specimen collection packs on October 14.

The spokesman appealed to all members of the public who have doubts about their health condition to undergo testing to protect oneself and others

and to fight the virus together.