

Waste at community testing centres is not clinical waste

In response to media enquiries, a Government spokesman said today (September 2) that, according to the views of the experts of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health, from the risk management perspective, waste at the community testing centres is not clinical waste, it is no different from household waste.

The spokesman said the Government will continue to remind supervisors of the community testing centres and cleansing service contractors to collect and handle waste of the centres in accordance with the guidelines of the CHP, including:

- Waste must be properly packed in a plastic garbage bag;
- The packed waste should be temporarily placed at a designated waste collection area inside community testing centres;
- The designated waste collection area should be disinfected with 1:49 diluted bleach;
- Cleansing service contractors will each day transport waste to refuse transfer stations by dedicated vehicles.

The Government will ensure that waste at the community testing centres be handled properly so as to safeguard the health and safety of members of the public.