

## Yau Tsim Mong Temporary Testing Centre will continue to provide free testing service to public tomorrow

Specimens from 711 persons were collected today (October 17) at the Yau Tsim Mong Temporary Testing Centre located at Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre for COVID-19 nucleic acid tests. Counting the number of specimens collected at the three temporary testing centres that have ceased operation, specimens have been collected from a total of 15 535 persons at the four temporary testing centres set up by the Government.

Tomorrow (October 18) will be the last day for the Yau Tsim Mong Temporary Testing Centre to be open for public service. It will be open from 8am to 1.30pm and 2.30pm to 8pm to provide free specimen collection and testing services to facilitate 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 14 824 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 of the Hospital Authority has been extended to 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm from Monday to Friday.

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.