

Eight service points available in Sham Shui Po tomorrow to facilitate voluntary testing

In view of suspected silent transmission chains in several areas of Sham Shui Po district (including Tai Hang Tung Estate, Mei Foo Sun Chuen, Nam Cheong Street and Hing Wah Street) where risks of community transmission are higher, the Government urges residents and those working in relevant areas who are exposed to infection risks to undergo testing as soon as possible. The Government will set up additional service points tomorrow (January 19) to facilitate testing for residents and workers.

In the coming few days, a total of eight service points will be available in Sham Shui Po district to provide free testing service for all local residents and those who work there to undergo compulsory and voluntary testing. Details of the service points for testing are as follows:

Community testing centre (CTC)

- Pak Tin Community Hall (G/F, Pak Tin Community Complex on Pak Wan Street) (8am to 8pm)

Mobile specimen collection stations

- Tai Hang Tung Community Centre (10am to 8pm)
- Maple Street Playground, Sham Shui Po (Junction of Cheung Sha Wan Road and Maple Street) (8am to 8pm)
- Lai Kok Community Hall (10am to 8pm)
- Cheung Sha Wan Playground (near Exit B of Cheung Sha Wan MTR Station) (10am to 8pm)
- Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre (near Hing Wah Street) (9am to 9pm)
- Lai Chi Kok Park entrance (near Exit D of Mei Foo MTR Station) (9am to 9pm)
- Po On Road Playground (near Lei Cheng Uk Estate) (January 19: 10am to 9pm; January 20-21: 9am to 9pm)

Apart from service points in the district, Sham Shui Po residents and those working in the district can also go to CTCs/mobile specimen collection stations (if the service scope is applicable) across the city to receive free testing service. Members of the public may make good use of the 24-hour booking system (www.communitytest.gov.hk/en) and select suitable testing centre and time slot for testing with a view to minimising their waiting time at CTCs.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau said, "The Omicron variant has a high transmissibility. The Government is very concerned about the transmission risks in several areas of Sham Shui Po district and has therefore arranged eight service points for testing to enable local residents and those who work there to undergo testing on a voluntary basis. The Government will review the need to further extend opening dates and hours of the aforementioned specimen collection stations with regard to actual usage and demand."

The Government urges all individuals who are in doubt about their own health conditions, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or had contact with cases tested positive), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons to reduce the transmission risks of COVID-19. Furthermore, the Government strongly appeals to the community again to continue to refrain from participating in gatherings (including cross-family gatherings) in the near future.