

HAD distributes complimentary COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff in Islands, Kwai Tsing, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Yuen Long Districts (with photos)

â€œIn light of the positive test results for the COVID-19 virus from some sewage samples collected in Islands, Kwai Tsing, Sham Shui Po, Sha Tin, Kwun Tong, Wong Tai Sin and Yuen Long Districts, the Home Affairs Department (including the Islands District Office (IsDO), the Kwai Tsing District Office (K&TDO), the Sham Shui Po District Office (SSPDO), the Sha Tin District Office (STD0), the Kwun Tong District Office (KTDO), the Wong Tai Sin District Office (WTSD0) and the Yuen Long District Office (YLD0)) today (February 22) distributed a total of about 65,850 COVID-19 rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the districts.

The IsDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Ying Yat House of Yat Tung (1) Estate for voluntary testing through the property management company.

The K&TDO distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in the Apex and Villa Esplanada for voluntary testing through the property management companies.

The SSPDO also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Hoi Lai Estate for voluntary testing through the Estate's property management company.

The STD0 also distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and working in Yan On Estate and Golden Beauty Court of Golden Lion Garden Stage I for voluntary testing through the property management companies. Moreover, the STD0 distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in Sun Chui Estate for voluntary testing through the property management company.

The KTDO distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in Shun Tin Estate for voluntary testing through the Estate's property management company, and distributed rapid test kits to households, cleansing workers and property management staff living and

working in Kwun Tong Garden Estate for voluntary testing through the Estate's property management company.

The WTSDO distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in the affected area in Wong Tai Sin (including Upper Wong Tai Sin Estate, Wong Tai Sin Lung Cheung Office Block, Temple Mall North, Tsui Chuk Garden and the Tsui Chuk Garden shopping mall) for voluntary testing through the property management companies.

In addition, the YLDO distributed rapid test kits to cleansing workers and property management staff working in Tin Heng Estate and Tin Yuet Estate for voluntary testing through the Housing Department and the property management companies.

The Home Affairs Department made the above arrangements in the hope of identifying infected persons early, so as to better protect the infected persons and their families. However, the Government stresses that rapid test kit testing is not a substitute for the Government's compulsory testing requirement.

If people living or working in the areas with positive sewage testing results test positive with the rapid test kits, they may call 2280 4772, the Government's 24-hour hotline for "persons tested positive with rapid antigen tests in areas with positive sewage testing results", to arrange for door-to-door delivery of nasal swab self-sampling kits and collection of the specimen for polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid confirmatory testing free of charge.

For more information on rapid test kits, please view the following demonstration video produced by the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health: www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzFAUzTtmKk.

The Government appeals for the co-operation of members of the public to safeguard the health of themselves and their families by undergoing testing on a voluntary basis and fighting the virus together. The Government urges all individuals who are in doubt about their own health condition, or individuals with infection risks (such as individuals who visited places with epidemic outbreaks or had contact with cases that tested positive), to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons to reduce the transmission risks of COVID-19.



