

Registration for COVID-19 testing service for restaurant staff to end on August 20

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (August 13) said that registration for the voluntary one-off free COVID-19 testing service for restaurant staff will end at 5pm on August 20 (Thursday). The FEHD appealed to the food industry again to participate in the testing scheme and make the registration online at the FEHD website before the deadline.

The testing service provided for restaurant staff started on July 17. The catering business staff group (including licensed restaurants, licensed light refreshment restaurants, licensed marine restaurants, licensed factory canteens, school canteens, staff canteens, public market cooked food/light refreshment stalls and licensed cooked food hawker stalls) is provided with a one-off free virus testing service. Operators of restaurants may register online at the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/events/covid19_test/restaurant.html).

As of yesterday (August 12), the testing agency has delivered over 129 400 specimen bottles to more than 6 680 restaurants. Over 69 800 samples have been collected for testing. The testing agency has completed testing on a majority of the specimens returned. Samples with a preliminary positive result have been sent to the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for follow-up. So far, in total, 17 cases have been determined to have a preliminary positive test result.

For details of the testing programme, please call the hotline of the testing agency (Prenetics Limited) at 3008 8319 or visit the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk).