

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme statistics

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for the 93rd day since February 26, 2021.

So far, about 2 328 700 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered for members of the public (please see Annex 1). Among them, about 1 342 200 persons have received their first dose, with about 577 500 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 764 600 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine. About 986 600 persons have received their second dose, with about 424 600 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 562 000 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 8pm today (May 29), about 42 400 persons have received vaccination and about 28 200 new vaccination bookings have been made online, detailed as follows:

(i) About 9 600 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 6 600 persons vaccinated at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 2 900 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme;

(ii) about 4 900 persons received their second dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 3 500 persons vaccinated at CVCs and about 1 300 persons at private doctors and clinics;

(iii) about 12 800 persons received their first dose of the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs, and about 15 200 persons received their second dose of the BioNTech vaccine;

(iv) the overall percentage of people who have received the Sinovac vaccine at CVCs is about 97 per cent; while the overall percentage of people who have received the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs is about 97 per cent; and

(v) about 10 500 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine, while about 17 700 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 16 cases of ambulance transfers to hospitals. Among them, 14 persons were discharged and two persons left the hospital without seeking any consultation (please see Annex 2).

As background information, in the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 41 cases of stroke or myocardial infarction that required admission to the Intensive Care Unit, Acute Stroke Unit and Cardiac Care Unit

of public hospitals. The state of new cases admitted to the wards concerned is provided as a cross reference to enhance fuller public understanding of cases of the kind recorded on vaccine recipients.

Correctional officers stop person in custody attacking staff

Correctional officers at Lo Wu Correctional Institution stopped a female person in custody attacking staff today (May 29).

At 12.33 noon, a 22-year-old female person in custody suddenly became emotional and attacked a correctional officer inside the cell. Officers at the scene immediately stopped her. OC foam was used to subdue the person in custody after warnings were given but in vain.

During the incident, the officer sustained injury to her hand. After receiving examination and treatment at institution hospital, she was sent to a public hospital for further treatment. The assailant did not sustain any injury.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The assailant was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of trafficking in a dangerous drug.

Statement by the Judiciary

â€‹The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

It is with much sadness that the Judiciary announces the death of the Right Honourable the Lord Peter Julian Millett, GBS, Non-Permanent Judge of the Court of Final Appeal, in the United Kingdom on May 27, 2021.

Lord Millett has been a Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal since 2000 and made important contributions to the Judiciary as a member of our Court. Being held in the highest regard as a jurist and one of the greatest legal minds of our time, Lord Millett will be sorely missed by each of the members in the Court of Final Appeal.

Lord Millett was born in the United Kingdom in 1932. He had built an illustrious career in the legal profession and judicial service. He was

called to the English Bar at the Middle Temple in 1955 and admitted ad eundem to Lincoln's Inn in 1959. In 1973, he was appointed Queen's Counsel. In 1986, Lord Millett was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division. He was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in 1994 and a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 1998. Lord Millett was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2015.

The Judiciary extends its deepest sympathies to his family.

Island East Swimming Pool temporarily closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (May 29) that Island East Swimming Pool in Eastern District has been temporarily closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of vomit in the pool.

It will be reopened at 6.30am tomorrow.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.

Mobile specimen collection stations continue to provide COVID-19 testing service to public

Having reviewed the usage and public demand for the COVID-19 testing service, the Government has decided to extend the service period of the mobile specimen collection station at Kwai Chung Sports Ground to May 31 (Monday), and that of the stations at King George V Memorial Park, Kowloon; MacPherson Playground in Mong Kok and Arthur Street Temporary Playground in

Yau Ma Tei to June 13 (Sunday).

Moreover, the Government will set up mobile specimen collection stations outside 37-39 Fuk Wing Street in Sham Shui Po and Island Harbourview in Tai Kok Tsui tomorrow (May 30) to provide free testing service for residents and workers of 37-39 Fuk Wing Street and Island Harbourview subject to compulsory testing respectively. A Government spokesman also reminded foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) who have yet to receive testing that they need to complete testing by tomorrow. For FDHs who have yet to receive testing, they can still make use of the service provided at community testing centres (CTCs) and mobile specimen collection stations tomorrow.

Currently, there are a total of 21 CTCs providing testing service for the public, including free service for persons subject to compulsory testing. Booking and walk-in services are available. Members of the public only need to provide simple personal information on the 24-hour booking system (www.communitytest.gov.hk/en). The system was enhanced to show the booking status of the CTCs for the coming half-month period to facilitate public's planning and selection of suitable testing centre and time slot for testing. The CTCs will accord priority to serve individuals with advance bookings. The number of tests available for appointments at CTCs has been increased to over 46 000 per day, and additional manpower has been deployed to serve the public. As of 6pm today (May 29), there are around 31 000 booking places available for tomorrow at the CTCs, and around 84 per cent and 90 per cent booking places for the coming seven days and 14 days respectively. Members of the public may call the testing centres for enquiries on the availability of bookings or walk-in quotas before visiting the centres.

Coupled with the 21 CTCs, there will be a total of 51 CTCs/mobile specimen collection stations in various districts tomorrow to provide free service for persons subject to compulsory testing, including FDHs. The testing capacity should be sufficient to meet the demand. The opening dates and operating hours of the mobile specimen collection stations in various districts providing free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing services for the general public are stated in Annex. Persons subject to compulsory testing, and those with "LeaveHomeSafe" COVID-19 exposure notification or SMS notification from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) reminding them to undergo testing as soon as possible may receive free testing at CTCs or mobile specimen collection stations (if the service scope is applicable).

From May 15 to 28, over 276 000 FDHs have submitted specimens at CTCs and mobile specimen collection stations or returned their deep throat saliva specimens, and more than 10 000 bookings at CTCs have been made for FDHs this weekend. The Government reminds FDHs who have made bookings to visit their selected centre at the booked time slot for testing, and employers may assist those who have yet to receive testing to book online and utilise the remaining quotas.

People whose test results are negative will be informed by SMS message through their mobile phones. Persons subject to compulsory testing must properly keep the relevant records. If any specimen tested shows a preliminarily positive COVID-19 result, the specimen will be referred to the

Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the Department of Health for a confirmatory test. Confirmed cases will be followed up and announced by the CHP.

The Government reminds the public that they can undergo COVID-19 testing through various means. For details, please refer to the following webpage: www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html. If a person has symptoms, he or she should seek medical attention immediately and should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or CTCs.

The spokesman 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 contacted confirmed cases) to undergo testing promptly for early identification of infected persons.