

# COVID-19 Vaccination Programme statistics

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for the 89th day since February 26, 2021.

So far, about 2 200 000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered for members of the public (please see Annex 1). Among them, about 1 278 600 persons have received their first dose, with about 548 000 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 730 600 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine. About 921 500 persons have received their second dose, with about 405 300 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 516 200 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 8pm today (May 25), about 25 000 persons have received vaccination and about 15 600 new vaccination bookings have been made online, detailed as follows:

(i) About 5 900 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 2 700 persons vaccinated at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 3 200 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme;

(ii) about 4 000 persons received their second dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 1 900 persons vaccinated at CVCs and about 2 000 persons at private doctors and clinics;

(iii) about 5 100 persons received their first dose of the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs, and about 9 900 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 96 per cent; while the overall percentage of people who have received the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs is about 97 per cent; and

(v) about 5 300 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine, while about 10 400 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 nine cases of ambulance transfers to hospitals. Among them, seven persons were discharged and two persons were admitted for observation (please see Annex 2).

As background information, in the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 49 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.

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## Government to gazette compulsory testing notice

The Government will exercise the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and publish in the Gazette a compulsory testing notice, which requires any person who had been present at six specified premises during the specified period (persons subject to compulsory testing) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau reminded the public that persons who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notices and hence are not required to undergo compulsory testing. Completion of the vaccination course in general means having received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine 14 days ago.

Since there were outbreaks of upper respiratory tract infection and/or influenza-like illness in six schools, and the symptoms of the concerned diseases are similar to those of COVID-19, for prudence's sake, the four schools and the specified levels of two schools are covered in the compulsory testing notice today (May 25). Under existing practice, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) will provide schools subject to compulsory testing with stool specimen bottles and deep throat saliva specimen collection packs direct.

Furthermore, since Learning Habitat Kindergarten (The Sparkle), 1/F, The Sparkle, 500 Tung Chau Street, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong had been covered in the compulsory testing notice on April 26, the school is removed from the compulsory testing notice yesterday (May 24).

Details of the compulsory testing notice are at Annex 1.

In addition, subsequent to the announcement by the CHP on the updated quarantine arrangements of local COVID-19 cases with the N501Y mutant strain, persons who resided or worked within the same building as the residence of relevant cases and had been released from the quarantine centres will be subject to compulsory testing on the 3rd, 7th, 12th and 19th day counting from the announcement of the relevant confirmed case by the Department of Health (DH). Relevant persons have to undergo testing on specified dates. They will also be required to undergo self-monitoring until the 21st day (see the details of the buildings and dates of testing at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/CTN\\_Specified\\_premises\\_and\\_Dates\\_of\\_Testing.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/CTN_Specified_premises_and_Dates_of_Testing.pdf)

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Moreover, all foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) working in Hong Kong have to undergo compulsory testing for the second time during the period from May 15 to May 30. Details are [here](#).

In accordance with the compulsory testing notice issued earlier, all household members of close contacts are required to undergo compulsory testing. Any person who had lived with a person placed under quarantine pursuant to section 22 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A) (person under quarantine) in the same residential unit on the date of commencement of quarantine or during the 14 days before that day, and who becomes aware of the quarantine of the person under quarantine when the relevant quarantine has not yet been completed, has to undergo testing within two days of him or her becoming aware that the person under quarantine has been placed under quarantine and report to the Government the result of the test by phone (at 6275 6901), fax (at 2530 5872) or email ([ct@csb.gov.hk](mailto:ct@csb.gov.hk)) within three days of undergoing the test.

Currently, there are a total of 21 community testing centres (CTCs) providing testing services 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](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en)). The system was enhanced to show the booking status of the centres for the coming 21 days to facilitate the public's planning and selection of a suitable testing centre and a time slot for testing. The testing centres 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, there are around 27 000 booking places available tomorrow (May 26) at the CTCs, and around 77 per cent and 87 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.

The Government will set up a mobile specimen collection station at Island Harbourview in Tai Kok Tsui tomorrow for residents and workers of Island Harbourview subject to compulsory testing for free testing.

Coupled with the 21 CTCs, there will be a total of 46 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 2. Persons subject to compulsory testing, and those with the "LeaveHomeSafe" COVID-19 exposure notification or SMS notification from the 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 24, more than 230 000 FDHs have submitted specimens at CTCs and mobile specimen collection stations or returned their deep throat saliva specimens. More than 30 000 bookings at CTCs have been made for FDHs, and around 170 000 quotas are still available from tomorrow to May 30 for all members of the public. 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. As usage is lower at CTCs and mobile specimen collection stations during weekdays and waiting time is shorter, FDHs who have yet to receive testing are appealed to receive testing soonest possible without waiting until the weekend.

Persons subject to compulsory testing may choose to undergo testing via the following routes:

1. To visit any of the mobile specimen collection stations (see the list and target groups (if applicable)

at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html)) for testing;

2. To attend any of the community testing centres (see the list at [www.communitytest.gov.hk/en](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en));

3. To obtain a deep throat saliva specimen collection pack from any of the 121 post offices, vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations or 47 designated general outpatient clinics (GOPCs) of the Hospital Authority and return the specimen to one of the designated specimen collection points (see the distribution points and times, and the specimen collection points and times, at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html));

4. To undergo testing at any of the GOPCs of the Hospital Authority as instructed by a medical professional of the Hospital Authority;

5. To self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories which are recognised by the DH and can issue SMS notifications in respect of test results (see the list at [www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List\\_of\\_recognised\\_laboratories\\_RTPCR.pdf](http://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf)); or

6. To use a specimen bottle distributed to the relevant specified premises by the CHP (if applicable), and return the specimen bottle with the sample collected as per relevant guidelines.

The spokesman cautioned that testing received at Accident and Emergency Departments of the Hospital Authority or during hospital stays, or testing provided by private laboratories which cannot issue SMS notifications in respect of test results, does not comply with the requirements of the aforementioned compulsory testing notice.

"If persons subject to compulsory testing have symptoms, they should seek medical attention immediately and undergo testing as instructed by a medical professional. They should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or the community testing centres."

Persons subject to compulsory testing must keep the SMS notifications containing the result of the test for checking by a law enforcement officer when the officer requires the persons to provide information about their undergoing the specified test.

Furthermore, persons subject to testing under the compulsory testing notices should, as far as reasonably practicable, take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene, and, unless for the purpose of undergoing the specified test, stay at their place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible.

Any enquiries on compulsory testing arrangements may be addressed to the hotline at 6275 6901, which operates daily from 9am to 6pm. If persons subject to compulsory testing plan to conduct testing at any of the community testing centres, they can check the centre's appointment status in advance. The hotlines of the community testing centres are available at [www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info](http://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/info).

The Government will continue to trace possibly infected persons who had been to the relevant premises, and seriously verify whether they had complied with the testing notices. Any person who fails to comply with the testing notices commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him or her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

Relevant officers of different government departments are empowered to perform certain functions under the relevant Regulations under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599), including requesting individuals to provide information and assistance when necessary. Any person who fails to comply with the relevant request commits an offence and would be liable to a fine at level 3 (\$10,000). Collection and use of any personal data for conducting COVID-19 tests must meet the requirements under the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Government departments or testing service providers which handle the relevant information may provide the data to the DH or other relevant departments for anti-epidemic purposes as necessary. The workflow does not involve the provision of any personal data to organisations or persons outside Hong Kong.

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

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**[Labour Department highly concerned](#)**

## about fatal work accident that happened today

The Labour Department (LD) is highly concerned about a fatal work accident that happened at a warehouse in Pat Heung, Yuen Long this afternoon (May 25), in which a male worker was suspected to have fallen from height while dismantling a warehouse by standing on its canopy. He was injured and certified dead in the hospital. The LD is saddened by the death of the worker and expresses its deepest sympathies to the victim's family.

The LD's spokesman said, "We commenced an immediate on-site investigation as soon as we were notified of the accident and issued a suspension notice to the employer concerned, suspending the demolition work of the warehouse. The employer cannot resume the work process until the LD is satisfied that measures to abate the relevant risk have been taken."

The spokesman added, "We will complete investigation as soon as possible to identify the cause of the accident, ascertain the liability of the duty holders and recommend improvement measures. We will take actions pursuant to the law if there is any violation of the work safety legislation."

The general duty provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Ordinance require employers to provide safe working environments, plant and systems of work for their employees. Those who contravene the above provisions are liable to a fine of \$200,000 and imprisonment for six months.

In regard to today's accident, the LD will issue a Work Safety Alert through its website and email, giving a brief account of the accident concerned to duty holders, workers' unions, professional bodies of safety practitioners and others, reminding the industry of the importance of following safety precautionary measures to prevent a recurrence of similar accidents.

The LD will also remind the employer concerned of the liability for employees' compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, assist family members of the deceased to claim employees' compensation and closely follow up on the case. For those with financial difficulties, the LD will assist them to apply for appropriate emergency funds. Subject to the needs and wishes of family members of the deceased, the LD will also liaise with the Social Welfare Department for financial or other assistance.

For the sake of securing the safety and health of employees at work, the LD appeals to employers to provide plant and systems of work that are safe and without risks to health. Employees should co-operate with their employers, adopt all safety measures and use personal protective equipment provided properly to avoid endangering their own work safety and that of other workers.

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## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected methamphetamine and cocaine worth over \\$12 million \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 9 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine and about 5 kilograms of suspected cocaine with a total estimated market value of about \$12.2 million at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound and Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) respectively on May 20.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers on that day selected and inspected at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound a seaborne consignment, which was declared as containing oil paintings and had arrived in Hong Kong from Thailand. The batch of suspected methamphetamine was found concealed inside five oil paintings. Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers today (May 25) arrested a 37-year-old man and a 34-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Kam Tin.

Investigation of the above-mentioned case is ongoing.

Also, Customs officers on the same day inspected an air postal packet that had arrived in Hong Kong from Brazil at HKIA and found the batch of suspected cocaine concealed inside 10 bags of health food. Upon follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (May 24) arrested a 20-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in Tsuen Wan.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 26).

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items into and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

Customs will continue to maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking

activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).



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## [SED visits Shenzhen to strengthen education collaborations \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Education (SED), Mr Kevin Yeung, today (May 25) paid a duty visit to Shenzhen to strengthen education collaborations.

In the morning, the SED met with the Director of the Shenzhen Municipal Education Bureau, Mr Chen Qiuming, to exchange views on the latest developments in education and collaborations between the two cities, with a view to capturing the opportunities brought about by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area). Items on the agenda covered higher education, vocational and professional education and training, as well as basic education.

Mr Yeung said that the HKSAR Government encourages and supports Hong Kong's school sponsoring bodies and post-secondary institutions to engage in the development of the Greater Bay Area, taking part in related projects and providing education services. These would not only nurture talents for the Greater Bay Area but also provide Hong Kong youths with greater room for development.

In the afternoon, Mr Yeung officiated at the topping-out ceremony of Shenzhen Hong Kong Pui Kiu College Longhua Xinyi School. The through-train primary-cum-secondary school is expected to come into operation in September this year. He also attended a signing ceremony held by Shenzhen University and Lingnan University to witness the signing of a letter of intent between the two universities on offering joint programmes, establishing a joint institute of advanced studies and exploring the feasibility of establishing a joint campus in the Greater Bay Area.

Accompanying Mr Yeung on the visit to Shenzhen were the Deputy Secretary for Education, Mr Esmond Lee; Principal Assistant Secretary for Education, Mr Cheng Ming-keung; and Political Assistant to the SED, Mr Jeff Sze.

