

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme statistics

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for the 78th day since February 26, 2021.

So far, about 1 888 400 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered for members of the public (please see Annex 1). Among them, about 1 138 100 persons have received their first dose, with about 497 800 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 640 300 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine. About 750 400 persons have received their second dose, with about 359 700 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 390 700 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 8pm today (May 14), about 31 700 persons have received vaccination and about 9 200 new vaccination bookings have been made online, detailed as follows:

(i) About 4 300 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 1 900 persons vaccinated at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 2 400 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme;

(ii) about 4 400 persons received their second dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 2 000 persons vaccinated at CVCs and about 2 400 persons at private doctors and clinics;

(iii) about 10 200 persons received their first dose of the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs, and about 12 700 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 95 per cent; and

(v) about 2 800 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine, while about 6 400 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 11 cases of ambulance transfers to hospitals. Among them, seven persons were discharged, three persons were admitted for observation and one person was discharged against medical advice (please see Annex 2).

As background information, in the last 24 hours ending at 0.00am today, there were 57 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.

Government to gazette compulsory testing notice and specifications under Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation

â€‹The Government will exercise the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) and gazette a compulsory testing notice and specifications, which require any person who had been present at 17 specified premises during the specified period (persons subject to compulsory testing) to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test, and continue to empower a registered medical practitioner to require any person whom he clinically suspects has contracted COVID-19 to undergo a test during a period of 14 days from May 15 to May 28, 2021.

Compulsory testing notice

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.

â€‹ In relation to the previous local cases involving N501Y mutant strain, any person who had been present at six specified premises during the specified period had to undergo additional testing. Furthermore, since there were outbreaks of upper respiratory tract infection and/or influenza-like illness in 11 schools, and the symptoms of the concerned diseases are similar to those of COVID-19, for prudence's sake, the 11 schools are also covered in the compulsory testing notice today (May 14). Under existing practice, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) will provide these kindergartens and schools with stool specimen bottles or deep throat saliva specimen collection packs direct.

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).

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 at [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) within three days of undergoing the test.

Currently, there are a total of 21 community testing centres (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 centres for the coming 16 days to facilitate public's planning and selection of suitable testing centre and 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 16 000 booking places available for tomorrow (May 15) at the CTCs, and around 64 per cent and 76 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 mobile specimen collection stations at the following locations tomorrow for persons subject to compulsory testing for free testing:

- Chai Wan Park (Basketball Courts No.1 and 2) (May 15 to 17)
- Hing Wah Estate Playground No. 1, Chai Wan (May 15 to 17)
- Podium, 7/F, Block R, Allway Gardens (May 15)

In addition to the new mobile specimen collection stations announced on May 12, the Government will also set up the following stations to meet the testing demand from persons subject to compulsory testing (including FDHs):

- Outside Harbour Building, Central
- North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier Playground
- Fly the Flyover 01, Kwun Tong

The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at Kin Sang Community Hall in Tuen Mun will be extended to May 23 (Sunday), and that of the stations at Wong Tai Sin Square, Lai Kok Community Hall in Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan will be extended to May 30 (Sunday).

Coupled with the 21 CTCs, there will be a total of 62 CTCs/mobile specimen collection stations in various districts tomorrow to provide free service for persons subject to compulsory testing, including 61 open to FDHs for free testing. 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 "LeaveHomeSafe" COVID-19 exposure notification or SMS notification from the Centre for Health Protection 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).

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) for testing;
2. To attend any of the community testing centres (see the list at 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);
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 Department of Health (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); 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 notification 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/.

Relevant specifications for compulsory testing for persons clinically suspected to have contracted COVID-19

According to expert advice, compulsory testing for symptomatic patients can effectively slow down the transmission of the virus by early identification, early isolation and early treatment. To keep the epidemic situation under control, the Government considers it necessary to continue to solicit help from medical practitioners in identifying possibly infected persons as soon as possible.

During the period of 14 days from May 15 to May 28, 2021, registered medical practitioners may, by a written direction, require a person whom the medical practitioner attends to in the course of professional practice and clinically suspects to have contracted COVID-19 to undergo a COVID-19 nucleic acid test. Persons who receive the written direction (persons who are subject to testing under written directions) should undergo a test within two days after the issue date of the written direction (the testing deadline).

Persons who are subject to testing under written directions may choose to undergo testing via the following routes:

(1) To use the specimen bottle provided by the registered medical practitioner who issued the written direction to collect a deep throat saliva specimen and submit the specimen bottle to designated specimen collection points by the testing deadline (see the specimen collection points and time at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html). Having reported the case to the DH, the registered medical practitioner who issued the written

direction will be notified of the test result; or
(2) To self-arrange testing provided by private laboratories recognised by the DH (see the list at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories RTPCR.pdf) by the testing deadline and submit the test result to the medical practitioner who issued the written direction or his clinic staff by electronic mail, fax, or by hardcopy within four days after the testing deadline.

For example, if the written direction is issued on Monday, the person subject to testing under the written direction should undergo a test via one of the above options on or before Wednesday, the testing deadline. If the test result of the specimen is preliminary positive, the specimen will be referred to the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch of the DH for a confirmatory test. Confirmed cases will be followed up and announced by the Centre for Health Protection of the DH.

"Persons who are subject to testing under written directions are suspected to be infected and should not attend the mobile specimen collection stations or the community testing centres for testing. To reduce transmission risk, relevant persons who underwent testing are advised to stay at home and avoid going out when waiting for test results."

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 DH or other relevant departments for anti-epidemic purpose 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."

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ecstasy \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 1.9 kilograms of suspected ecstasy with an estimated market value of about \$310,000 at the Hong Kong International Airport on May 8. A woman was arrested yesterday (May 13).

Customs officers examined an air postal packet arrived from Germany on May 8 and found the suspected ecstasy concealed between layers of the carton box.

Upon follow-up investigation, officers yesterday arrested a 37-year-old woman in Tsim Sha Tsui suspected to be connected with the case.

The arrested woman has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (May 15).

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.

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).



CE shows support for Hong Kong cycling athletes (with photo)

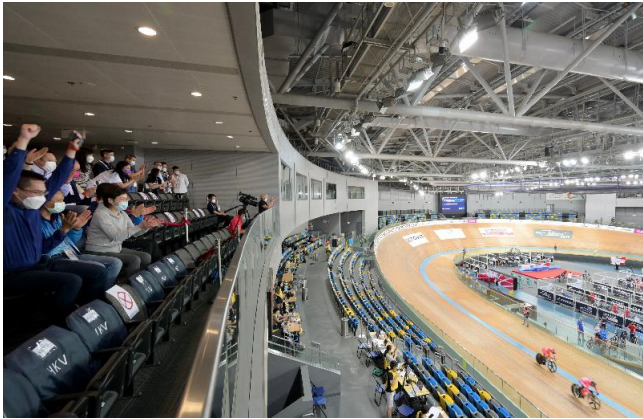
The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, and the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, tonight (May 14) watched the 2021 Tissot UCI Track Cycling Nations Cup Hong Kong, China, at the Hong Kong Velodrome, giving encouragement to the Hong Kong athletes competing in the event.

The 2021 Tissot UCI Track Cycling Nations Cup, organised by the Cycling Association of Hong Kong, China, is being held from May 13 to 16, with the participation of 75 cycling athletes from about 16 countries and regions. It is the first large-scale international sports event to be held in Hong Kong since the onset of the COVID-19 epidemic locally early last year. With the support and assistance of the relevant departments of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, the organiser has implemented various anti-epidemic measures to ensure that the event can be conducted safely. Among them, while athletes and staff members from other places are exempted from compulsory quarantine, they have to strictly comply with the requirements under a "safety bubble", including virus tests before arriving in Hong Kong, the "test-and-hold" arrangement at the airport, repeated tests as well as quarantine, and restriction of activity areas. In addition to medical surveillance, the relevant exempted persons are restricted to visiting the airport, their accommodation hotel rooms and the event venue only. They have to take dedicated point-to-point transport services and are not allowed to take public transport. Their accommodation hotels are designated by the organiser, with the design, facilities and workflow needing to meet the infection control requirements, and the working staff have undertaken relevant infection control training. Furthermore, the event is being held behind closed doors and members of the public can watch it through live TV broadcasts to cheer for Hong Kong athletes. Mrs Lam and the officials watched the event from the guest area stand today and did not have contact with any athletes.

"With the new direction in fighting the pandemic that I announced earlier, we hope to control the epidemic effectively and at the same time resume the daily operation of society in a gradual and orderly manner, including organising large-scale cultural and sports events. By holding this cycling event, we can demonstrate to the world Hong Kong's capability in organising major sports events under extremely challenging circumstances, thereby enhancing the city's position as a hub for major international sports events. This event also allows the Hong Kong elite cycling team to compete with top cyclists in the world, in preparation for the Tokyo Olympics to be held two months later," Mrs Lam said.

"The Government has bought the television broadcasting rights for the Tokyo Olympics, allowing all Hong Kong people to watch the games for free. I hope that this cycling event will further enhance the atmosphere of supporting the athletes in society and cheering for the Hong Kong athletes on TV across the city during the Tokyo Olympics, so that the athletes can give

full play to their skills and bring glory to Hong Kong," she said.



[Update on cluster of Rhinovirus and Enterovirus cases in Queen Elizabeth Hospital](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

Regarding an earlier announcement on a cluster of paediatric patients confirmed to be carriers of Rhinovirus/Enterovirus in paediatrics ward, the spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth Hospital made the following update today (May 14):

One more one-year-old male paediatric patient of the ward concerned presented with respiratory symptoms. Appropriate viral test was arranged for the patient and his test result is positive to Rhinovirus/Enterovirus. The patient is treated under isolation with stable condition.

The following enhanced infection control measures have been adopted according to the established guidelines:

1. Thorough cleaning and disinfection of the ward concerned;
2. Enhance medical surveillance of the paediatric patients in the ward concerned; and
3. Apply stringent droplet and contact precautions and enhance hand hygiene of staff and paediatric patients.

The hospital will continue to closely monitor the other paediatric patients in the ward. The case has been reported to the Hospital Authority Head Office and the Centre for Health Protection for necessary follow-up.