

## **Missing woman in Tsuen Wan located**

A woman who went missing in Tsuen Wan has been located.

Chen Xiuhua, aged 67, lost contact with her family members on Wai Tsuen Road on April 19 afternoon and failed to return ever since. Her family made a report to Police on the same day

The woman was located on Tsing King Road in Tsing Yi last night (April 20). She sustained no injuries and no suspicious circumstances were detected.

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## **Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the service demand surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

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## **CE to attend meeting of Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area**

After concluding her activities in relation to the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 in Hainan, the Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, will depart for Guangzhou this morning (April 21) to attend a meeting of the Leading Group for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area tomorrow (April 22). The Secretary for Innovation and Technology, Mr Alfred Sit; the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr Christopher Hui; and the Commissioner for the Development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, Mr Tommy Yuen, will join the trip.

Mrs Lam will return to Hong Kong on April 23. During her absence, the

Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, will be the Acting Chief Executive.

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## Government gazettes compulsory testing notice

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

Currently, in all districts in Hong Kong, if one or more new confirmed cases are found in the residential buildings (including buildings for both commercial and residential uses), or there are sewage samples tested positive, or there are other factors which implied possible infection risks, the buildings will be included in the compulsory testing notice. For testing targeting at workplaces, if one or more confirmed cases are found in a workplace, it will be included in the compulsory testing notice.

Three premises fulfilling the above criteria are included in the compulsory testing notice today (April 20). In addition, since there were outbreaks of upper respiratory tract infection (URTI) in five schools, and the symptoms of URTI are similar to those of COVID-19, for prudence's sake, the five schools are also covered in the compulsory testing notice.

Details of the compulsory testing notice are as follows:

1. Any person who had been present at any specified premises listed in Part A of Annex 1 for more than two hours at any time during the period from April 7 to April 20, 2021 (including but not limited to residents, visitors and workers), has to undergo testing by April 22, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between April 18 and April 20, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.
2. Any person who had been present at any specified premises listed in Part B of Annex 1 for more than two hours at any time during the period from April 7 to April 20, 2021 (including but not limited to full-time, part-time and relief staff and visitors), has to undergo testing by April 22, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between April 18 and April 20, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

3. Any person who had been present at any specified premises listed in Part C of Annex 1 for more than two hours at any time during the period from April 7 to April 20, 2021 (including but not limited to full-time, part-time and relief staff, students and visitors), has to undergo testing by April 22, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing who had been present at the second to the fifth specified premises in Part C choose to undergo testing using the specimen bottles distributed by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), they have to return the specimen bottle with the sample by April 24, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between April 18 and April 20, 2021, they would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in the compulsory testing notice.

A spokesman for the Food and Health Bureau reminded the public that 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@csh.gov.hk) within three days of undergoing the test.

The Government will set up a mobile specimen collection station at Yung Lai House, Yau Lai Estate, Yau Tong tomorrow (April 21) for persons subject to compulsory testing.

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. Apart from mobile specimen collection stations, persons subject to compulsory testing can also choose to attend any of the community testing centres across the territory to receive testing free of charge. Persons 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 community testing centres 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](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 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](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 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](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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## [COVID-19 Vaccination Programme statistics](#)

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for the 54th day since February 26, 2021.

So far, about 1 149 700 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered for members of the public (please see Annex 1). Among them, about 758 700 persons have received their first dose, with about 385 200 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 373 500 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine. About 391 000 persons have received their second dose, with about 241 900 persons receiving the Sinovac vaccine and about 149 100 persons receiving the BioNTech vaccine.

In the last 24 hours ending at 8pm today (April 20), about 26 000 persons have received vaccination and about 17 100 new vaccination bookings have been made online, detailed as follows:

(i) About 4 600 persons received their first dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 2 200 persons vaccinated at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 2 400 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme;

(ii) about 8 600 persons received their second dose of the Sinovac vaccine, including about 6 000 persons vaccinated at CVCs and about 2 600 persons at private doctors and clinics;

(iii) about 12 600 persons received their first dose of the BioNTech vaccine at CVCs, and about 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 95 per cent; and

(v) about 3 100 persons have made online bookings for receiving their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine, while about 14 000 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 10 cases of ambulance transfers to hospitals. Among them, seven persons were discharged, two persons were discharged against medical advice and one person 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 61 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.

Three more GOPCs to accept bookings for vaccination

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Starting from April 23, three more General Out-patient Clinics (GOPCs) under the Hospital Authority will provide Sinovac vaccination service, in addition to the existing 18 designated GOPCs. The three GOPCs are Shau Kei Wan Jockey Club GOPC, Hung Hom Clinic and Robert Black GOPC. From 9am tomorrow (April 21) onwards, members of the public can make Sinovac vaccination appointments with these three newly-added GOPCs, through the booking system on the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme designated website ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk)).