

# Government finishes exercise on “restriction-testing declaration” in respect of specified “restricted area” in Tsuen Wan and enforcement operation for breaches of compulsory testing notice

The Government yesterday (April 13) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" effective from 8pm yesterday, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Tsuen Wan (i.e. Tower 2 of Lido Garden, 41-63 Castle Peak Road Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan) were required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing were required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the area had undergone testing and the test results were mostly ascertained. Moreover, the Government issued a compulsory testing notice yesterday, requiring persons who had been present at the above buildings for more than two hours from March 31 to April 13, 2021, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, to undergo compulsory testing on or before April 15. The Government announced the completion of the compulsory testing exercise at around 7am today (April 14) and carried out enforcement action in the "restricted area" afterwards to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone compulsory testing in accordance with the requirements of the relevant declaration and compulsory testing notice. The Government announced that the enforcement operation ended at around 10am today.

In this exercise, the Home Affairs Department (HAD) (including the Tsuen Wan District Office), the Hong Kong Police Force, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, and the Auxiliary Medical Service mobilised around 210 staff to arrange for implementation of the declaration and enforcement actions for breaches of the compulsory testing notice issued earlier.

The Government provided simple food for persons subject to compulsory testing, including canned food, cup noodles and corn kernels, so as to facilitate the dinner arrangements of some persons subject to compulsory testing. One box of masks, detergent and hand sanitiser were also provided to persons subject to compulsory testing to help them fight against the virus.

The HAD also set up a hotline for people restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance.

The Government thanks persons subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding. With everyone's co-operation and efforts, coupled

with the tireless efforts of the testing contractors, residents have been informed about their testing results by SMS notification. After finishing the compulsory testing exercise at around 7am today, the Government took enforcement action in the "restricted area" immediately to verify that all people in the "restricted area" had undergone testing according to the requirements of the declaration and the compulsory testing notice. Persons who could present an SMS notification containing a negative testing result or wore a wristband as proof of having undergone the compulsory testing could leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer. The enforcement operation was completed at around 10am. Six persons were found not having undergone compulsory testing and fixed penalties of \$5,000 and/or compulsory testing orders were issued to them. Taking into account the above situation, the Secretary for Food and Health revoked the "restriction-testing declaration" in accordance with Cap. 599J (see attachment).

The Government hopes that the some 30 households who have not answered the door will contact the Government for arrangement of testing as soon as possible after they read the notices put up by the Government, in the hope of eliminating the possible risk of further spread of the virus in the community.

The Government hopes this temporary inconvenience will completely cut the local transmission chains and ease residents' worries and fear, so that they will regain confidence in resuming social and business activities in the area, and return to a normal life.

The Government thanks all participating government staff and the testing agencies for their hard work. The Government is also grateful to those subject to compulsory testing for their support and understanding, and their full co-operation during this period in undergoing testing and waiting for the results at home.

The Government as a whole is united in fighting against the virus despite all the difficulties, and provided testing for all the residents in the district within a short period of time in the hope of achieving zero cases in the district.

The Government will seriously follow up on the compliance situation of the compulsory testing notices and the "restriction-testing declaration" by persons subject to compulsory testing. Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory testing notices commits an offence and may be liable to a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person will 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 or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

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## [Red flags hoisted at some beaches](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (April 14) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Stanley Main Beach, Shek O Beach and Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Silverstrand Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

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## [Tourism Commission launches additional City in Time spots \(with photos\)](#)

The Tourism Commission today (April 14) launched the second phase of the City in Time tourism project in five districts by installing additional augmented reality (AR) markers in designated locations in Central, the Peak, Sham Shui Po, Jordan and Yau Ma Tei. Locals and tourists can experience combinations of historical panoramas and real-life surroundings with their smartphones through the AR and multimedia technologies.

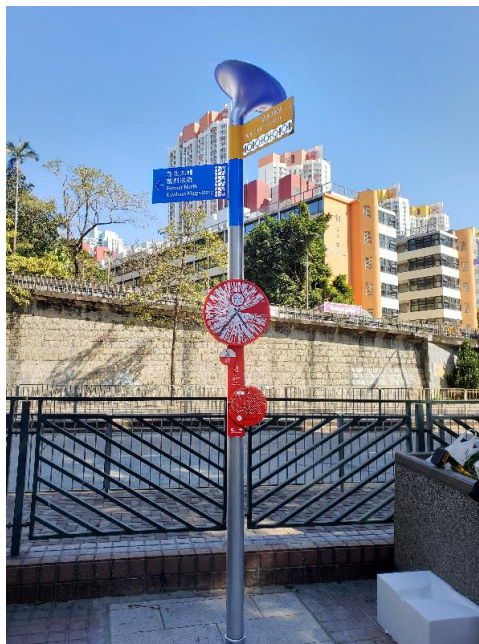
The 15 additional designated locations of the City in Time project are Chater Garden in Central; the Lions View Point Pavilion at the Peak (with two sets of AR markers); six designated locations in Sham Shui Po, namely Tai Po Road (near YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel), Tai Po Road/Castle Peak Road Rest Garden (near Garden Centre), Castle Peak Road (near the entrance of Sheung Li Uk Garden), Nam Cheong Street (near the entrance of Nam Cheong Street Rest Garden), the junction of Lai Chi Kok Road and Shek Kip Mei Street and Lai Chi Kok Road (near Lui Seng Chun); and six designated locations in Jordan and Yau Ma Tei, namely Waterloo Road (near the Yau Ma Tei Wholesale Fruit Market), Public Square Street (near the Yau Ma Tei Reporting Centre), Public Square Street (near the Tin Hau Temple), the junction of Nathan Road and Gascoigne Road, Jordan Road (near the entrance of Temple Street) and Canton Road (near the Xiqu Centre).

To experience 360-degree historical panoramas featuring heritage photos or illustrations by young Hong Kong artists, locals and tourists can scan the AR markers installed on the visitor sign poles at the above designated locations using their smartphones with the "City in Time" mobile app downloaded. The mobile app is also equipped with a selfie function that enables users to share their City in Time experience with their friends on

social media platforms.

The mobile app is available for free download at the Apple App Store and Google Play. Locals and tourists can also embark on virtual journeys on the City in Time website ([cityintime.hk](http://cityintime.hk)).

The Yeung Kin Man Chair Professor of Media Art of the School of Creative Media at the City University of Hong Kong, Professor Jeffrey Shaw, and his team were commissioned by the Tourism Commission to develop and produce the City in Time project. The first phase of the project was rolled out in seven designated locations in Central and six designated locations in Tsim Sha Tsui on March 25.



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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 rates in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

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# Government enforces "restriction-testing declaration" and compulsory testing notice in respect of specified "restricted area" in Tsuen Wan

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Starting from around 7am today, persons in the "restricted area" in Tsuen Wan who have undergone testing and are able to present SMS notifications with negative test results or wear wristbands as proof of having undergone testing may leave the "restricted area" through the designated exit after providing personal information to a prescribed officer.

The Government set up temporary specimen collection stations in the "restricted area" yesterday and requested persons subject to compulsory testing to collect combined nasal and throat swab samples at the stations to undergo a COVID-19 virus test before 1am today. As at 1am today, around 780 residents had undergone testing. No confirmed cases were found.

Moreover, the Government also assigned staff to visit around 280 households. Around 35 households did not answer the door. Those include some households with confirmed cases or those undergoing quarantine. Some units are possibly vacant as well. The Government does not have detailed information in this respect and will take measures to follow up.

The Government also understands that some residents already underwent testing at the mobile specimen collection stations set up in the district or by other means. Therefore, persons in the "restricted area" who have undergone testing from April 11 to 13, 2021, and are able to provide the SMS

notification through mobile phone or related certification containing the test results, are not required to take the test again.

The Government reiterates that enforcement actions will be taken seriously. Any person who fails to present an SMS notification with a test result or wear a wristband as proof of having undergone testing breaches the compulsory testing notice and may be liable to a fine of \$5,000. The person will also be issued with a compulsory testing order, requiring him/her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the compulsory testing order or the "restriction-testing declaration" is an offence and the offender may be liable to a fine of level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.