

## [Hong Kong Property Review 2021 preliminary findings released](#)

The Rating and Valuation Department today (March 26) released the preliminary findings of its annual review of production and activities in the local property market.

The preliminary findings, to be incorporated in the Hong Kong Property Review 2021, cover the major private property categories in terms of completions, take-up and vacancy in 2020 and forecast completions in 2021 and 2022, as well as price and rental data.

[Summaries of the findings](#) can also be downloaded from the department's website at [www.rvd.gov.hk](http://www.rvd.gov.hk).

Further enquiries can be directed to the department by contacting the Technical Secretary (Information) at 2150 8807.

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## [SB responds to media enquiries on S for S' health condition](#)

In response to media enquiries on the health condition of the Secretary for Security, Mr John Lee, a spokesman for the Security Bureau said today (March 25) that after receiving the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, Mr Lee did not experience any adverse reaction or discomfort. He works as usual every day and has not taken any leave.

Mr Lee earlier underwent a surgery for plane warts on his neck by a private doctor. The skin redness is a transitional reaction after the surgery, which has nothing to do with the general follow-up consultation at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital today.

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## [Statistics for COVID-19 Vaccination Programme](#)

The COVID-19 Vaccination Programme has been implemented for 28 days

since February 26.

In the past 24 hours ending at 8pm today (March 25), about 8 200 persons received their first dose of Sinovac vaccine, including about 5 900 persons vaccinated at eight Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and about 2 300 persons at private doctors and clinics participating in the programme.

The overall percentage of people who have received Sinovac vaccine at eight CVCs today is about 79 per cent.

So far, a cumulative total of about 420 900 persons have received their first vaccination dose (Annex 1), with about 269 600 persons receiving Sinovac vaccine and about 151 300 persons receiving BioNTech vaccine.

As of 8pm today, about 4 500 persons had reserved their first and second doses of the Sinovac vaccine online in the past 24 hours.

In the past 24 hours ending at 0000 hours today, there were five cases of ambulance transfer to hospital. Among them, four persons were discharged and one person was admitted for observation (Annex 2).

Meanwhile, as background information, in the past 24 hours ending at 0000 hours today, there were 65 cases of stroke or myocardial infarction that required admission to Intensive Care Unit, Acute Stroke Unit and Cardiac Care Unit in public hospitals. This figure is the actual total number of new cases admitted to concerned wards due to stroke or myocardial infarction and serves as a cross reference for the general public to comprehend the unwell cases.

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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 three 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 which implied possible infection risks, the buildings will be included in the compulsory testing notice.

One premises fulfilling the above criteria was included in the compulsory testing notice today (March 25). In addition, since there were outbreaks of upper respiratory tract infection (URTI) in Mink International Play School & Mink International Pre-school, Level 1, Sun Hing Garden, 2 On Po Lane, Tai Po and ESF International Kindergarten (Tung Chung), 1/F, Commercial Accommodation The Visionary, 1 Ying Hong Street, Tung Chung, and the symptoms of URTI are similar to those of COVID-19, for prudence's sake, the schools were 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 March 12 to March 25, 2021 (including but not limited to visitors, residents and workers), have to undergo testing by March 27, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between March 23 and March 25, 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 March 12 to March 25, 2021 (including but not limited to full-time, part-time and relief staff, students and visitors), have to undergo testing by March 27, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing 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 March 29, 2021. If persons subject to compulsory testing have previously undergone testing between March 23 and March 25, 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 reminds 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, have to undergo testing within two days of he/she becoming aware of 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.

The Government will set up mobile specimen collection stations at the following locations tomorrow (March 26). Please see Annex 2 for details of service scope:

- Outside Hankow Centre, 5-15 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui
- Lung Yat Community Hall, Tuen Mun

The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at carpark of Quarry Bay Community Hall and 100 Granville Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East will

be extended to March 28 (Sunday). The service period of the mobile specimen collection stations at King George V Memorial Park, Kowloon, Arthur Street Temporary Playground in Yau Ma Tei, MacPherson Playground in Mong Kok and Tung Chung North Park will be extended to April 4 (Sunday).

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 in all districts to receive testing free of charge.

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 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 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."

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## [Smooth arrival of second batch of Sinovac vaccines in Hong Kong](#)

The second batch of about one million doses of the Sinovac vaccine is delivered smoothly to Hong Kong from Beijing this afternoon (March 25).

Together with the one million doses delivered to Hong Kong in February, a total of about two million doses of the Sinovac vaccine has arrived in Hong Kong.

Soon after the arrival of the Sinovac vaccine in Hong Kong today, working staff immediately carried out stringent checking and inspection on the vaccines to ensure that they comply with the product specifications and their transportation process follows the cold-chain requirements.

People belonging to the priority groups for vaccination may make appointments online to receive the Sinovac vaccine for free at Community Vaccination Centres (CVCs) and the general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority.

Moreover, members of the public can choose and make an appointment for vaccination direct with a private doctor or clinic under the programme, without going through the Government online booking system. When going for vaccination, one need to bring the identity document and proof for priority group. The public can also read the fact sheet for CoronaVac and other relevant information on the designated webpage ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/vaccine](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/vaccine)).

The government appeals to members of the public to participate in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme as early as possible, with a view to safeguarding public health in the community. For details please visit the thematic website ([www.covidvaccine.gov.hk](http://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk)).