

Government makes "restriction-testing declaration" and issues compulsory testing notice in respect of specified "restricted area" in Hung Hom

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A Government spokesman said, "Under Cap. 599J, the Government can, according to the needs of infection control, make a 'restriction-testing declaration'. As there are confirmed cases recorded in Cheong Lok Mansion, 1G to 1K Baker Street, Hung Hom recently, and as assessed, the risk of infection in the relevant area may be higher, the Government decided to make 'restriction-testing declaration' for the relevant area."

The Government will set up temporary specimen collection stations within the "restricted area" and request persons subject to compulsory testing to undergo testing before 11.30pm today. Persons subject to compulsory testing will be arranged to undergo nucleic acid testing at specimen collection stations where dedicated staff will collect samples through combined nasal and throat swabs. Persons subject to compulsory testing must stay at their place of residence until all test results are ascertained to avoid cross-infection risk. The Government will arrange door-to-door specimen collection for people with impaired mobility and elderly persons, or make arrangements for them to self-collect and submit the deep throat saliva specimens.

"We understand that this exercise will cause inconvenience to the public. The Government has made arrangements to carry out testing for all persons present in the 'restricted area' as soon as possible at night after most people have returned home. The aim is to strive to complete testing of all identified persons subject to compulsory testing and confirm the results, and finish the exercise at around 6.30am tomorrow with a view to allowing residents to start going to work at around 6.30am. The Government will make a public announcement when the declaration expires officially. In the cases in which employees are unable to go to work because of the declaration, the Government hopes their employers can exercise discretion and not deduct the

salaries or benefits of the employees."

If staying in the "restricted area" will cause unreasonable hardship to individuals who are not residents in the area when the declaration takes effect, government officers may exercise discretion and allow that person to leave the area after considering the individual circumstances. That person must have followed the instructions to undergo testing and leave his/her personal information for contact purposes.

Persons in the "restricted area" who have undergone testing from February 5 to 7, 2021, and are able to provide the SMS notification through a mobile phone or related certification containing the test results, are not required to take the test again. However, they are required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the area have undergone testing and the test results are mostly ascertained. Also, according to the compulsory testing notice issued today, any person who had been present at the above building for more than two hours from January 25 to February 7, 2021, even if they were not present in the "restricted area" at the time when the declaration took effect, must undergo compulsory testing by February 9.

The Government has prepared simple food and basic cleaning supplies for the residents restricted by the declaration. The Home Affairs Department has set up a hotline (Tel: 2835 1473) which started operation at 8pm today for residents restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance. The Social Welfare Department will also provide assistance to the affected persons.

The Government understands the residents in the district are worried and anxious because of the increase in confirmed cases in recent days. 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 appeals to persons subject to compulsory testing for their full co-operation by registering and undergoing testing, and waiting for the results patiently at home. The Government will strictly follow up on whether the persons concerned have complied with the compulsory testing notices and "restriction-testing declaration". Any person who fails to comply with the compulsory 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 compulsory testing order or the restriction-testing declaration is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

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The Government today (February 7) exercised the power under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J) to make a "restriction-testing declaration" (declaration) effective from 7.30pm, under which people (hereafter referred to as "persons subject to compulsory testing") within the specified "restricted area" in Quarry Bay (i.e. Wai Lee Building, 997 King's Road, Quarry Bay; not including Manly Plaza. See Annex.) are required to stay in their premises and undergo compulsory testing. Persons subject to compulsory testing are required to stay in their premises until all such persons identified in the area have undergone testing and the test results are mostly ascertained. The Government aims at finishing this exercise at about 7am tomorrow (February 8), in order to achieve the goal of zero cases in the district with concerted efforts.

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The Government has prepared simple food and basic cleaning supplies for the residents restricted by the declaration. The Home Affairs Department has set up a hotline (Tel: 2835 1473) and a dedicated hotline (Tel: 3755 6816) for ethnic minorities. The hotline services started operation at 7.30pm today for residents restricted by the declaration to make enquiries and seek assistance. The Social Welfare Department will also provide assistance to the affected persons.

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Yan Chai Hospital announces patient tests preliminarily positive for COVID-19

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Yan Chai Hospital (YCH) made the following announcement today (February 7) concerning a patient confirmed preliminarily positive for COVID-19:

An 83-year-old female patient sought treatment at YCH Accident and Emergency Department on February 5 due to persistent abdominal pain. During consultation, she presented with fever but she did not have any respiratory symptoms. She was then admitted to the surgical ward for further treatment. The admission screening for COVID-19 for the patient turned out to be preliminarily positive. She was then transferred to the isolation ward for treatment. Her condition had been stable.

The Infection Control Team of YCH conducted contact tracing for the patients and hospital staff who had been in contact with the patient concerned. Five inpatients who had stayed in the same cubicle in the surgical ward with the patient concerned were classified as close contacts and had been quarantined. All staff members working in the ward concerned were equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with infection control guidelines. No aerosol generating procedures had been performed during that period. So far, none of the staff members is being classified as close contacts, while contact tracing is still underway.

The hospital has arranged thorough cleansing and disinfection of the ward concerned. The hospital will continue to closely monitor the health condition of our staff and patients and communicate with the Centre for Health Protection on the latest situation.

Public hospitals daily update on COVID-19 cases

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

As at 9am today (February 7), 59 COVID-19 confirmed patients were discharged from hospital in the last 24 hours. So far, a total of 9 887 patients with confirmed or probable infection have been discharged.

At present, there are 674 negative pressure rooms in public hospitals with 1 233 negative pressure beds activated. A total of 505 confirmed patients are currently hospitalised in 24 public hospitals and a community treatment facility, among which 23 patients are in critical condition, 24 are in serious condition and the remaining 458 patients are in stable condition.

The Hospital Authority will maintain close contact with the Centre for Health Protection to monitor the latest developments and to inform the public and healthcare workers on the latest information in a timely manner.

Details of the above-mentioned patients are as follows:

Patient condition	Case numbers
Discharged	4746, 6754, 8610, 8756, 9368, 9458, 9468, 9472, 9473, 9475, 9526, 9589, 9622, 9688, 9872, 9881, 9930, 9947, 9983, 10000, 10028, 10030, 10041, 10059, 10060, 10063, 10072, 10115, 10121, 10128, 10152, 10154, 10180, 10194, 10199, 10232, 10240, 10262, 10274, 10285, 10287, 10292, 10306, 10308, 10343, 10346, 10355, 10361, 10375, 10394, 10397, 10422, 10447, 10476, 10482, 10498, 10520, 10572, 10603
Critical	1989, 3496, 6125, 6547, 6607, 6794, 7021, 8018, 8078, 8323, 8900, 9049, 9135, 9267, 9438, 9612, 9907, 9959, 10238, 10358, 10367, 10417, 10578
Serious	6386, 7076, 7305, 7468, 7653, 8126, 8221, 9040, 9055, 9166, 9550, 9662, 9733, 9734, 9793, 9858, 9867, 9880, 9998, 10023, 10083, 10134, 10503, 10600