

### **Vending Machines Set Up at 10 MTR Stations for Public to Collect COVID-19 Specimen Collection Packs with Convenience**

The MTR Corporation has been closely monitoring the pandemic and fighting the virus with the community. To facilitate the Government's Enhanced Laboratory Surveillance Programme for the public to access COVID-19 testing service with convenience, vending machines will be set up at ten MTR stations for the public to collect COVID-19 specimen collection packs starting tomorrow (7 December 2020).

Following communication with relevant government departments, ten stations across the MTR network have been identified for the purpose, namely Ngau Tau Kok, Kwai Fong, North Point, Tiu Keng Leng, Wong Chuk Hang, Tai Wai, Tai Po Market, Siu Hong, Kowloon and Tsing Yi stations. About 10,000 specimen collection packs supplied by a government contractor per day will be, in general, evenly distributed to the vending machines located in the unpaid area of these stations. Each station will have a fixed supply each day and each person can collect one pack while stocks last. Members of the public can collect the packs with their Octopus, free of charge, at the stations during operating hours. "Traffic News" of the MTR Mobile will provide information about the supply of specimen collection packs including whether stations are out of stock or packs are still available for the public's reference. Under the premise of fighting the pandemic, the Corporation will communicate with relevant government departments and suitably adjust the arrangements for distribution points based on actual demands to facilitate the Government's measures. (Please refer to the annex for details about the locations of the vending machines.)

Signage will be put up at the relevant stations to remind the public of the locations of the vending machines. MTR will deploy additional manpower to help maintain order around the vending machines. MTR calls on members of the public collecting the packs to maintain social distance and personal hygiene. Cleaning and disinfection of the relevant stations will also be enhanced considering the flow of people. The Corporation reminds those who have symptoms or had contact with confirmed cases that, according to the advice of the Hospital Authority, they should visit the accident and emergency departments of public hospitals or General Out-patient Clinics as soon as possible for medical advice and testing arranged by hospitals instead of collecting specimen collection packs for testing.

Members of the public should note that MTR stations will only distribute specimen collection packs. The public should follow the advice of the Department of Health and return specimen

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collected to the 47 General Out-patience Clinics of the Hospital Authority or 13 clinics of the Department of Health. Please refer to this Government website for details: <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>

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MTR has extensive end-to-end railway expertise with more than 40 years of railway projects experience from design to planning and construction through to commissioning, maintenance and operations. Going beyond railway delivery and operation, MTR also creates and manages dynamic communities around its network through seamless integration of rail, commercial and property development.

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Annex

**Locations of Vending Machines Distributing  
COVID-19 Specimen Collection Packs at MTR stations**

<b>Railway Lines</b>	<b>Stations</b>	<b>Locations</b>
Kwun Tong Line	Ngau Tau Kok Station	Near Exit/Entrance A
Tsuen Wan Line	Kwai Fong Station	Near Exit/Entrance B and C
Island Line/ Tseung Kwan O Line	North Point Station	Near Exit/Entrance B
Tseung Kwan O Line/ Kwun Tong Line	Tiu Keng Leng Station	Near Exit/Entrance A
South Island Line	Wong Chuk Hang Station	Near Exit/Entrance B
East Rail Line/ Tuen Ma Line Phase 1	Tai Wai Station	Near Exit/Entrance B
East Rail Line	Tai Po Market Station	Near Exit/Entrance B
West Rail Line	Siu Hong Station	Near Exit/Entrance E
Airport Express/ Tung Chung Line	Kowloon Station	Near Exit/Entrance B
Airport Express/ Tung Chung Line	Tsing Yi Station	Concourse for trains to Airport/AsiaWorld-Expo stations