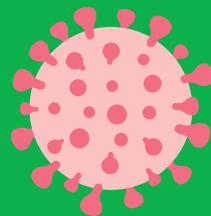# What You Must Know for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Why is early testing and detection important?

As some people infected with COVID-19 only have mild symptoms, members of the public are advised to seek medical advice promptly when feeling unwell, so that appropriate management can be given at the earliest possible time.

Apart from the accident and emergency service of public hospitals and general out-patient clinics, you may also visit private clinics and hospitals, and make a request to your private doctors for testing when there is any suspicion. The Department of Health (DH) provides the testing for free.

You may choose to return the specimen through your doctor, family or friends, or the door-to-door specimen collection service.

What will happen if the test result is positive?

If a sample tests positive, the DH will arrange for admission to a public hospital for treatment.

Quarantine will be arranged for close contacts while medical surveillance will be arranged for other contacts. In general, household members will stay in the same unit in a quarantine centre, depending on availability of units and size and composition of the family.

Quarantine centres will provide the confinees with meals and essential daily personal necessities. Wifi cards for Internet connection can be provided if necessary. You can bring own personal necessities, such as clothes and daily medications.

How is the management for COVID-19 cases?

Many of the symptoms can be treated and supportive care for infected persons can be highly effective.

The most important thing is to seek medical advice immediately and get testing done whenever symptomatic (even if having mild symptoms).

For more information, please visit COVID-19 Thematic Website (www.coronavirus.gov.hk)