



## 中華人民共和國香港特別行政區政府總部教育局

Education Bureau

Government Secretariat, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region  
The People's Republic of China

本局檔號 Our Ref.: EDB(SDCT)3/PRO/10/1/1

電話 Telephone:

來函檔號 Your Ref.:

傳真 Fax Line:

21 February 2023

To: Supervisors / Principals of all Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Special Schools, Schools offering Non-Local Curriculum, Kindergartens and Kindergarten cum-Child Care Centres and Private Schools offering Non-Formal Curriculum

Dear Supervisor / Principal,

### **Latest Arrangements for Rapid Antigen Tests**

The Education Bureau (EDB) hereby informs secondary schools, primary schools, special schools, schools offering non-local curriculum, kindergartens/ kindergarten-cum-child care centres (hereafter referred to as “KGs”) and private schools offering non-formal curriculum (PSNFCs) (commonly known as “tutorial schools”) in Hong Kong of the latest arrangements for Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) at schools.

### **RAT Arrangements for Students**

EDB has been closely monitoring the latest development of the COVID-19 epidemic situation in Hong Kong, listening to the advice of health experts, and maintaining close communication with the school sector to review and promulgate the related anti-epidemic measures. Further to the announcement on 20 January 2023, the requirement for students to conduct RATs each day before going to school will be updated as follows:

- Secondary Schools  
The requirement for students of secondary schools to undergo daily RAT before going to school will be cancelled with effect from 1 March 2023.
- Primary Schools, KGs, and Special Schools  
The requirement for students of primary, KGs and special schools

(including boarding sections) to undergo daily RAT before going to school will be maintained until 15 March 2023. For the arrangements thereafter, EDB will review the situation and make timely announcement.

- PSNFCs should observe the above requirements for primary and secondary schools and arrange students to complete daily RATs before going to school.

EDB will continue to distribute RAT kits to students with financial needs who are still required to observe the daily RAT requirements through primary schools, KGs and special schools.

### **Reporting Mechanism for Schools**

Primary schools, KGs, and special schools should, in accordance with school-based mechanisms, continue to collect RAT results that are positive from all students each day in the morning and report such positive cases (if any) through the dedicated website (<https://www.idea.gov.hk/chp-cdb/SCHOOL>) of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health on each school day. Even if there is no case on a day, schools should also report to confirm.

### **Anti-epidemic Measures**

EDB will update the “Health Protection Measures for Schools”. All schools should continue to strictly put in place the various anti-epidemic measures stipulated in the above Guidelines as well as those under the “Health Advice to Schools for the Prevention of COVID-19” issued by CHP. Schools should always keep the school environment clean and hygienic in order to safeguard the health of teachers and students.

EDB reiterates that vaccination is the most effective safeguard measure as it can prevent severe cases and reduce risk of fatalities effectively. We strongly urge schools to make full use of the different channels provided by the Government for vaccination in order to achieve comprehensive and enhanced protection.

For enquiries, please contact the respective Senior School Development Officers or Senior Services Officers.

Yours sincerely,



(Dr Verena LAU)

for Secretary for Education