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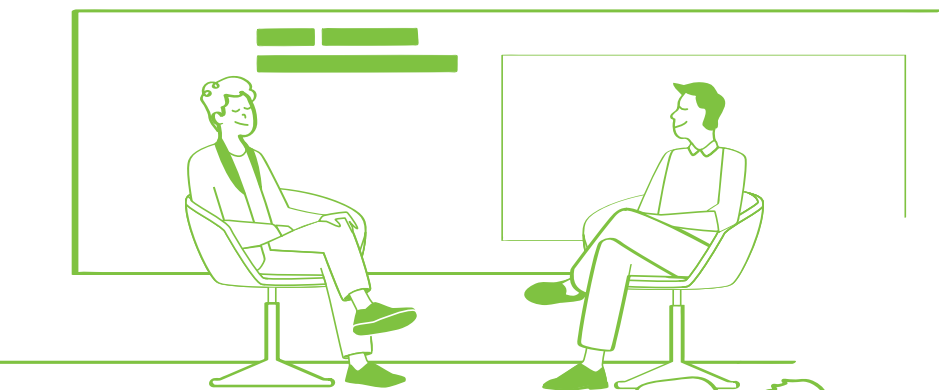
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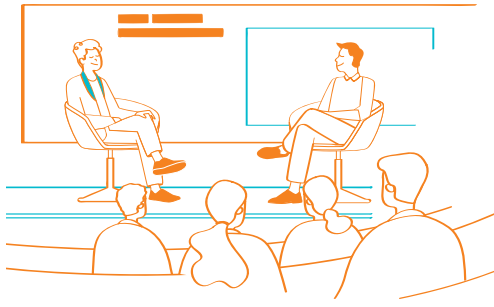


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Policy Measures

Combating the Epidemic Together

Strengthened anti-epidemic command structure

- Established the Command and Coordination Group overseen by the Chief Executive to enable more effective high-level commands for formulating targeted anti-epidemic strategies taking into account the evolving epidemic developments and scientific analysis, so as to achieve the greatest effects with the lowest costs, and ensuring different bureaux and government departments can respond swiftly. (HHB)
- Appointed 13 task groups or solution teams under the Command and Coordination Group on specified issues or areas, each of which being led by a Principal Official or Head of Department, to formulate specific measures and plans on different aspects. (HHB)

Gradual adjustments to anti-epidemic strategies

- Suspended the route-specific flight suspension mechanism from 7 July 2022. (HHB)
- Starting from 15 July this year, home visits were arranged to assist persons tested positive for COVID-19 under home isolation to put on electronic wristbands, so as to enhance the monitoring of such persons to stay in the designated dwelling places during the isolation period. (ITIB)
- Added the Red and Amber Code function into the Vaccine Pass from August 2022 to differentiate persons with higher transmission risk of COVID-19, including confirmed cases and inbound persons from overseas places or Taiwan. (HHB, ITIB)

- Introduced the “3+4” arrangement on 12 August 2022, and implemented the “0+3” arrangement from 26 September, lifting compulsory quarantine for arrivals from overseas places or Taiwan, with three days of medical surveillance upon arrival at Hong Kong while subject to Amber Code restrictions, followed by four days of self-monitoring, and streamlined boarding and arrival testing arrangements. (HHB)
- With reference to the “0+3” arrangement, the Return2hk and Come2hk schemes correspondingly expanded to all places in the Mainland and Macao, relevant inbound persons do not need to apply for a quota, and are not required to undergo quarantine at home upon arrival. (HHB)
- Proactively initiate discussions with the Mainland with the aim of implementing the arrangements for “pre-departure quarantine” as soon as practicable. (HHB)
- Expanded the network of vaccination facilities for the public to receive COVID-19 inoculations. By mid-October, over 19 million doses were administered. Over 92% of the eligible population have received the first two doses while over 80% of the eligible population have received the third dose. (CSB)
- Lowered the vaccination age of Sinovac to 3 in January 2022, and provided BioNTech vaccination service to children aged 5 to 11 in February 2022. Further lowered the vaccination age of Sinovac to 6 months in August 2022. (CSB, HHB)
- Arranged outreach vaccination service teams for more than 1 100 residential care homes (RCHs) for the elderly and RCHs for persons with disabilities. As at end-September, over 93% of these residents have received the first two doses of COVID-19 vaccines, while over 77% of them have received the third dose. (HHB, CSB, LWB)

Boosting vaccination rate

- Launch a new publicity campaign from September to December 2022 targeting the elderly aged over 70 and children aged below 12 for receiving vaccination as early as possible, with a view to building up a strong immunity barrier for Hong Kong. (CSB, HHB)
- Liaise with relevant vaccine manufacturers for the provision of toddler and paediatric formula of BioNTech, and new generation vaccines targeting new variants. (HHB)

Effective utilisation of healthcare resources

- The overall command operation will integrate all seven clusters of the Hospital Authority (HA) into a single unit to ensure facilities and resources can be deployed flexibly and resiliently. (HHB)

- Upon liaison between the Health Bureau and Hong Kong Private Hospitals Association, all 13 private hospitals have successively provided hospital beds for receiving public hospital patients since 29 July 2022. It allows the HA to focus its resources in combating the epidemic. As of end September, the HA has transferred around 1 500 patients to private hospitals. (HHB)
- Continue to strengthen the use of Chinese medicine (CM) in the whole process of epidemic prevention, treatment and rehabilitation to provide CM support to the public and to give full play to the strengths and functions of CM. Initiatives include continuing the implementation of CM in-patient treatment and out-patient rehabilitation services by HA, and stepping up the use of CM in other establishments under different models, such as funding, through the Chinese Medicine Development Fund, the “Fight the Virus Together – Chinese Medicine Telemedicine Scheme” and “Together We Unite – Chinese Medicine COVID-19 Rehabilitation Scheme” implemented by the CM sector. (HHB)

Support to COVID-19 patients in community

- Provide tele-consultation service via the HA Designated Clinics to facilitate confirmed patients in the community to receive tele-consultation and medication delivery service (including oral antiviral drugs) since July 2022. (HHB)
- Conduct health assessment for confirmed patients in the community (in particular elderly and high-risk patients) via HA call services and make referrals to tele-consultation service as required. (HHB)

Enhancing COVID-19 testing

- Provided a more extensive and established testing service network with more than 80 community testing centres (CTCs) and community testing stations (CTSs), making community testing highly accessible and convenient to the public. (HHB)
- Starting late October, all CTCs/CTSs will provide self-paid testing services with two-tier pricing for members of the public to enjoy quicker nucleic acid test services at more affordable prices for private purposes such as certifications for travelling or work. (HHB)

- The Government has enhanced nucleic acid testing for high-risk groups since end August 2022 by increasing the frequency of nucleic acid testing for all staff of RCHs for the elderly and persons with disabilities and the HA to once every two days, and stepped up testing support for RCHs by arranging testing contractors to provide door-to-door specimen collection services for all 1 100 RCHs across the city on a daily basis. (HHB)

Providing quarantine and isolation facilities

- Construction of the nine community isolation facilities supported by the Central Government had completed quickly within four months. Along with the other community quarantine/isolation facilities constructed earlier, starting June this year, they provide a total of around 22 000 quarantine/isolation units for Hong Kong. The HKSAR Government will appropriately deploy and utilise these facilities in accordance with the epidemic development. (HHB, SB, DEVB)

Continuous sewage surveillance

- Through collaboration among Government, the University of Hong Kong and three testing laboratories, 154 stationary monitoring sites have been set up throughout Hong Kong, covering 6 million population. (EEB)

Telling Good Stories of Hong Kong

- The Financial Secretary will lead a task force to formulate new strategies to tell the outside world the good stories of Hong Kong, including partnering with business leaders and representatives from the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Hong Kong Tourism Board to visit traditional and emerging markets and to proactively rebuild Hong Kong's image and brand through multi-lateral contacts. (FSO)
- Government departments and relevant organisations, the Mainland Offices, overseas Economic and Trade Offices (ETOs), Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) and the Information Services Department etc. will promote Hong Kong's strengths through diversified activities. (Relevant bureaux)
- Overseas ETOs will proactively enhance overseas promotional work, organise publicity activities and work with relevant government agencies, business organisations, professional bodies and relevant parties to tell the good stories of Hong Kong. (CEDB and relevant bureaux)
- The Mainland Offices will step up publicity through online and offline platforms to comprehensively promote Hong Kong and its unique status and advantages under "One Country, Two Systems". (CMAB)

- The Financial Services Development Council and InvestHK will launch a global marketing campaign, presenting the bright future of Hong Kong as a unique platform connecting the Mainland and the rest of the world. (FSTB)
- Continue to subsidise, under the Professional Services Advancement Support Scheme, professional bodies to visit the Mainland or overseas countries to promote our professional services. (CEDB)