

**Designated Tasks led by Directors of Bureaux  
in the Battle against the 5<sup>th</sup> Wave of the Epidemic**

1. Secretary for Food and Health: Formulating anti-epidemic policies on public health and treatment measures of the Hospital Authority; taking charge of the task force on epidemiologists\*, co-ordinating the Department of Health, the Hospital Authority and local experts to liaise with the Mainland experts to assist Hong Kong in conducting epidemiological investigations and analyses
2. Secretary for Development: Taking charge of the task force on constructing community isolation and treatment facilities with the Mainland support\*, including the identification of suitable locations in Hong Kong as well as the liaison with and support for contractors to speed up construction of such facilities
3. Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs: Taking charge of the task force on enhancing the capability of nucleic acid testing\*, including the formulation of the Compulsory Universal Testing Programme and co-ordination of its implementation
4. Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development: Taking charge of the task force on ensuring medical supplies\*, including the co-ordination of the delivery of such anti-epidemic supplies as rapid antigen test kits in large quantities, proprietary Chinese medicines, furniture for isolation and treatment facilities, masks and protective gear from the Mainland to Hong Kong in an orderly manner, and the distribution of them to the relevant departments, organisations and residents

5. Secretary for Transport and Housing: Taking charge of the task force on ensuring other supplies from the Mainland\*, including the launch of water and railway transportation to supplement cross-boundary land transport, thereby ensuring the supply of fresh food, vegetables and daily necessities to Hong Kong
6. Secretary for the Environment: Leading the Environmental Protection Department and the Drainage Services Department to work with The University of Hong Kong to conduct sewage surveillance in Hong Kong to precisely support anti-epidemic efforts
7. Secretary for Security: Managing the Contact Tracing Offices and Penny's Bay, Community Isolation Facility Hotels and facilities constructed with the Mainland support, including the co-ordination of transferring confirmed patients to the facilities concerned
8. Secretary for the Civil Service: Leading the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
9. Secretary for Labour and Welfare: Supporting residential care homes for the elderly and those for persons with disabilities in fighting the epidemic and managing the community quarantine, isolation, treatment and holding centres designated for elderly people
10. Secretary for Home Affairs: Co-ordinating community participation, including the mobilisation of district organisations and volunteer teams to distribute anti-epidemic supplies to the community
11. Secretary for Innovation and Technology: Supporting the Government's anti-epidemic work with different technological solutions

12. Secretary for Education: Co-ordinating the support for schools and students amid the epidemic
13. Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury: Ensuring the orderly operation of the financial market in Hong Kong; and supporting the anti-epidemic work of Government departments in terms of public finance and procurement

\* After the second Mainland-Hong Kong thematic meeting on COVID-19 epidemic jointly hosted by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee, and the Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council, Mr Huang Liuquan, on February 12, 2022, it was decided that five task forces be set up to facilitate co-ordination between the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the relevant ministries and commissions of the Central Government as well as the Guangdong Provincial Government, so as to press ahead with the implementation work to tackle the fifth wave of the epidemic in Hong Kong.