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Dear fellow members of the financial services sector,

As you may be well aware, there has been a rising number of COVID-19 confirmed cases connected to URSUS Fitness in Sai Ying Pun in the past few days. It is understood that quite a number of you may have or been close to those visited the gym concerned.

Early testing and detection is essential to our fight against COVID-19. For the sake of your health and that of your families and the community at large, I write to appeal to you to proactively undergo a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. There are plenty of avenues through which you can do the testing –

- (a) the Hospital Authority provides specimen collection packs and collects specimens via its 47 general out-patient clinics;
- (b) distribution points for specimen collection packs have been extended to the 121 post offices (except mobile post offices);
- (c) the MTR Corporation has set up vending machines at 20 MTR stations for the public to collect COVID-19 specimen collection packs;
- (d) Community Testing Centres provide free-of-charge testing services for persons under compulsory testing and persons in certain targeted groups, as well as self-paid COVID-19 testing service for general private use (such as for travelling abroad or working); and
- (e) the Government may according to needs set up mobile specimen collection stations for persons under compulsory testing or in targeted groups.

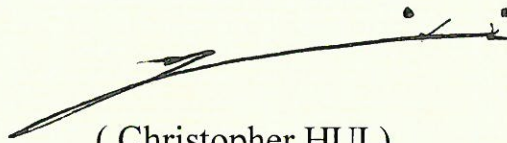
Details of the above, including the location of the Community Testing Centres and distribution points for specimen collection packs, can be found here:

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.

Furthermore, as announced yesterday the priority groups for the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme will be extended to cover, amongst others, persons aged between 30 and 59. I would strongly encourage you to come forward to receive your jab. Details about registration for the vaccination programme can be found here: <https://www.covidvaccine.gov.hk/en/programme>.

To successfully combat COVID, your cooperation is of utmost importance. I appeal to you to continue to follow strictly our social distancing measures, as we can only suppress the epidemic if we stand united and work together.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal stroke with a small loop at the end and a few smaller marks above it.

(Christopher HUI)
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