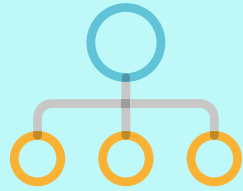


# HONG KONG'S PANDEMIC STRATEGY



How to contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of the community

COVID-19 has spread rapidly worldwide since its outbreak. Hong Kong, being an international city with strong global connections, is one of the first places to record infections in January 2020. The high population density and close social infrastructure in Hong Kong might have increased the risk of rapid and wide infections; however, this has not been the case.

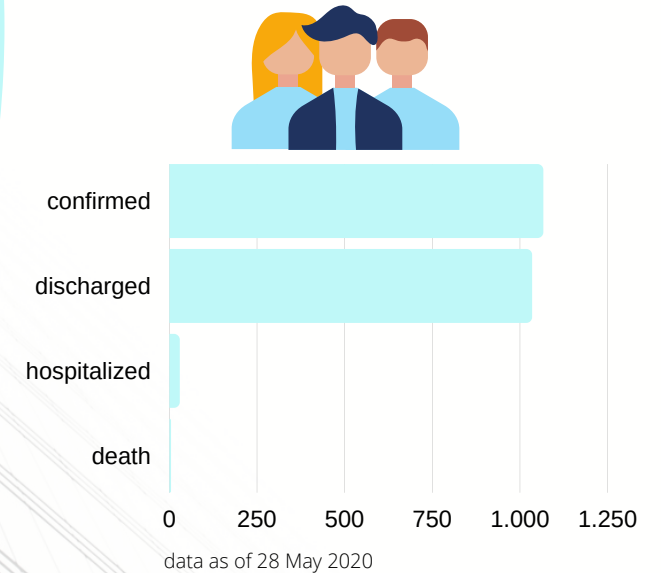
Hong Kong acted quickly to impose quarantine and physical distancing rules, and has implemented a clear and effective strategy, which has limited the level of infection to just over a thousand confirmed cases.

Anti-pandemic measures have been effective through reducing the entry of people into Hong Kong, and quarantining those that have arrived; promoting social distancing; encouraging and facilitating the use of surgical masks through distribution of free reusable masks to all Hong Kong citizens. Widespread testing and laboratory surveillance have provided rapid detection and response capabilities.

## KEY PRINCIPLES



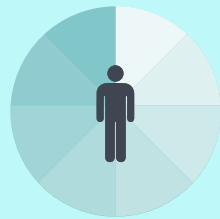
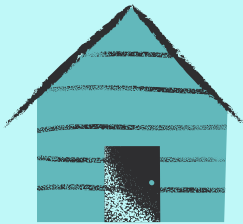
## COVID-19 CASES



Further information on HK's multi-pronged response: [CLICK HERE](#)

# METHODS & GOALS

- reduce **FLOW OF PEOPLE**
- **PREVENT IMPORTED CASES**
- enhance **QUARANTINE** arrangements
- enhance **LABATORY SURVEILLANCE**
- promote **SOCIAL DISTANCING**
- boost supply & use of **SURGICAL MASKS**



**08 Jan** COVID-19 included in the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance

**25 Jan** Government activated the "Emergency Response Level" of the Preparedness & Response Plan

**27 Jan** Hubei residents and those who have visited Hubei Province in the past 14 days (except HK-residents) are barred from entering HK

**20 Mar** HK government approved first two local production lines for face masks

**25 Mar** all non-HK residents arriving from overseas by plane denied entry until further notice

**8 Apr** all arrivals at HK International Airport required to take a COVID-19 test in the AsiaWorld Expo Centre

# HONG KONG'S WAY BACK ON TRACK



ECONOMIC RELIEF PACKAGE  
HK\$ 287.5 BILLION

The restrictions on movement of people, and shut-down of economic activities as part of efforts to reduce infection have had negative impacts on businesses worldwide. Hong Kong has been successful not only in combating COVID-19 by keeping the number of confirmed cases comparatively at a lower level, but also in preserving their business sector by taking effective measures that pushed Hong Kong's economy back on track.

Typically, there is limited governmental intervention in the liberal Hong Kong economy, but active measures have been put in place amid the pandemic. A stimulus package of HK\$287.5 billion is allocated by the government towards economic relief through various initiatives.

Under such framework, the Hong Kong Government is providing financial aid to various key and vulnerable industries such as retail, tourism, catering, education, aviation, construction, arts and culture, and passenger transportation by granting subsidies or one-off grants. The financial aid is provided via several mechanisms, such as the provision of low-interest loan, reduction of tax and other administrative expenses and subsidy or waiver of rent and utilities.

## TOP PRIORITIES

- 01 uphold vitality of the economy
- 02 retain jobs
- 03 ease financial burdens of citizens

## World's freest economy

- + free flow of information
- + business-friendly taxes
- + unrestricted capital flow
- + 3rd easiest place to do business worldwide
- + favourable conditions for emerging industries





## FINANCIAL AID FOR BUSINESS

The Hong Kong Government has introduced more than **70 MEASURES** to support various business sectors, such as:

- RETAIL
- TOURISM
- CATERING
- EDUCATION
- AVIATION
- CONSTRUCTION
- ARTS & CULTURE
- PASSENGER TRANSPORT

➤ one-off grants or subsidies for eligible businesses ranging from **HK\$ 6,000 to 3 million**

➤ quick and easy to access; disbursement already underway since April 2020



Further information on Hong Kong's way back on track: [CLICK HERE](#).



## EASE CASH-FLOW OF BUSINESS

- 100% concessionary low-interest loan, 100 % guaranteed by HK government
- 100% profit tax reduction for 2019/20
- waiver of business registration fee in 2020/21
- 75% rental concession to eligible tenants of government premises from Apr-Sept 2020
- 75% electricity charges subsidy to non-residential accounts for 8 months
- waiver of 75% water & sewage charges for non-domestic accounts for 12 month (until Nov 2020)