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Hong Kong, January 6 (RHC)-- Hong Kong has been sealing off residential housing complexes and enforcing compulsory testing to stamp out coronavirus transmission after a resident was discovered to have the Omicron strain of the virus.

So-called 'restricted area' testing was imposed on two apartment buildings in the Causeway Bay area of the Chinese territory on the night of January 4 with all residents required to be tested in order to leave their homes. Some 270 people at the two locations had been tested by 3 a.m. (07:00 GMT), the government said, with no cases found.

People who were in 57 locations at the same time as contacts of the COVID-19 patients have also been ordered to undergo compulsory testing. The locations include branches of McDonald's, the M+ art museum and various buses, trains and ferries.

Hong Kong reported 39 cases on Wednesday, January 5th -- 36 of then imported and three linked to an existing imported case.

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