

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE (COMPULSORY TESTING FOR CERTAIN PERSONS) REGULATION

Compulsory Testing Notice

I hereby exercise the power conferred on me by section 10(1) of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (*the Regulation*) (Chapter 599 sub. leg. J) to:—

Category of Persons

(I) specify the following categories of persons:—

- (a) any person who arrives at Hong Kong on or after 30 March 2022, on the day the person arrives at Hong Kong, or during the 14 days before that day (*relevant period*), has not stayed in Taiwan or any place outside China; and is placed under quarantine pursuant to a quarantine order under section 3 of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. C) (*Quarantine Order*);
- (b) any person who arrives at Hong Kong on or after 30 March 2022 and falls within the categories of persons and fulfils the conditions specified in G.N. (E.) 651 of 2021;
- (c) any person who arrives at Hong Kong on or after 21 March 2022 ^[Note 1], who during the relevant period, has stayed in Taiwan but has not stayed in any place outside China, and is placed under quarantine pursuant to a Quarantine Order for less than 12 days;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

(II) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Part (I), as provided under column (1) below, to undergo polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid tests for COVID-19 (*the Specified Tests*) on the corresponding days under column (2) below, in compliance with the corresponding requirements under column (3) below and as detailed at Annex:—

(1) Category of persons	(2) Specified testing dates ^[Note 2]	(3) Requirements of the test
(I)(a)	5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at mobile specimen collection stations
(I)(b)	5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at mobile specimen collection stations
(I)(c)	12	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at mobile specimen collection stations

(III) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Part (I)(a), if the person needs to travel between the place of quarantine specified in the Quarantine Order and a Community Testing Centre or a laboratory, to abide by the following transport requirements during the person's compulsory quarantine period:—

- (a) travel direct and not disembark on the way;
- (b) if the person needs to take public transport, travel by taking taxis; and

- (c) make a note of the car plate numbers of the vehicles taken and retain those records for 30 days from the day of taking the vehicles, or record the car plate numbers of the relevant taxis using the 'LeaveHomeSafe' mobile application on his/her mobile phone;
- (IV) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Parts (I)(a) and (I)(c) to abide by the following requirements following the end of the person's compulsory quarantine period until the 14th day ^[Note 2] of the person's arrival at Hong Kong:—
 - (a) take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene; and
 - (b) monitor his or her health condition, including taking body temperature twice daily;

Period Specified for the Purpose of Section 14(3)(b) of the Regulation

(V) specify in relation to:—

- (a) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(a) and (I)(b) above the 30-day periods from the 6th and the 13th day ^[Note 2] respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong; and
- (b) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(c) above the 30-day period from the 13th day ^[Note 2] following the person's arrival at Hong Kong

as the period(s) during which a Compulsory Testing Order may be issued under the Regulation upon non-compliance with this Notice;

Appointment of Prescribed Person

- (VI) appoint members of the Auxiliary Medical Service and all public officers of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to perform a function under the Regulation concerning a requirement specified under this Notice ^[Note 3].

G.N. (E.) 171 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 1 April 2022.

Note 1:—

For a person who arrives at Hong Kong between 14 March 2022 and 20 March 2022 (both dates inclusive), and is placed under quarantine for 14 days pursuant to a quarantine order under section 3 of the Regulation, there is no compulsory testing requirement.

Note 2:—

The numbers denote the dates following the date of arrival at Hong Kong by the categories of persons specified in Part (I). The 5th and the 12th day are counted by taking the day of the person's arrival as the 1st day. For example, for a person who arrived at Hong Kong on 1 April 2022, he/she should (as applicable) undergo the 5th day Specified Test on 5 April 2022 and the 12th day Specified Test on 12 April 2022.

Note 3:—

Under the Regulation, health officers may, without the need of an appointment, perform a function concerning a requirement under a Compulsory Testing Notice.

PROCEDURE FOR THE SPECIFIED TEST

- (1) For a test at Community Testing Centres:—
 - (a) attend one of the Community Testing Centres ^[Note 1] set up by the Government during its opening hours on the specified testing date(s);
 - (b) register to undergo the Specified Test(s) by presenting the person's identity document stated on the Quarantine Order and, as far as practicable, the Quarantine Order; or the person's identification document stated on the quota allocated for entering Hong Kong under the "Return2hk—Travel Scheme for Hong Kong Residents Returning from the Mainland or Macao without being subject to quarantine under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)" or the "Come2hk—Travel Scheme for non-Hong Kong Residents Coming from Guangdong Province or Macao to Hong Kong without being subject to quarantine under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)" (as applicable); and
 - (c) undergo the Specified Test(s), including providing samples, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the Community Testing Centre;

OR

- (2) For a self-arranged test:—
 - (a) arrange for the carrying out of the Specified Test(s) at a laboratory which is included in the list of recognised laboratories for the Specified Test published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website at https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf and which can issue SMS (mobile phone text message) notifications in respect of test results; and
 - (b) undergo on the specified testing date(s) the Specified Test(s) in accordance with the instructions given by the staff of the laboratory, including providing a sample taken through combined nasal and throat swabs;

OR

- (3) For a test at mobile specimen collection stations:—
 - (a) attend one of the mobile specimen collection stations ^[Note 2] set up by the Government on the specified testing date(s); and
 - (b) undergo the Specified Test(s), including providing a sample taken through combined nasal and throat swabs, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the station;

AND

- (4) keep the SMS (mobile phone text message) notifications containing the results of the tests, and provide the relevant SMS notifications for checking by a prescribed officer when the prescribed officer requires the person to provide information about his or her undergoing the Specified Tests.

Note 1:—

The location and opening hours of the Community Testing Centres are set out in <https://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/>.

Note 2:—

The location, opening hours and target groups (if applicable) of the mobile specimen collection stations are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.