

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 category of persons who arrives at Hong Kong on or after 21 March 2022^[Note 1]:—
- any person who on the day the person arrives at Hong Kong, or during the 14 days before that day, has stayed in any place outside China, and is placed under quarantine for less than 12 days pursuant to a quarantine order under section 3 of the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. E) or the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. C), as the case may be (*Quarantine Order*);

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

- (II) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I) to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 (*the Specified Test*) on the 12th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong^[Note 2] in compliance with the corresponding requirements for the Specified Test at Community Testing Centres, by a self-arranged test, or at mobile specimen collection stations as detailed at Annex;
- (III) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I) 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) monitor his or her health condition, including taking body temperature twice daily; and
 - (b) take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene;

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

- (IV) specify in relation to the category of persons in Part (I) above the 30-day period from the 13th day^[Note 2] following the person's arrival at Hong Kong as the period during which a Compulsory Testing Order may be issued under the Regulation upon non-compliance with this Notice;

Appointment of Prescribed Person

- (V) 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.) 172 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 dates following a person's arrival at Hong Kong 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, 12 April 2022 is the 12th day, while 14 April 2022 is the 14th day.

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.

31 March 2022

Secretary for Food and Health

Annex

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; 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>.