

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 who arrive at Hong Kong on or after 25 April 2022:—
- any person who is an air crew member based in Hong Kong (i.e. a locally based air crew member), who:—
- (i) has been on board a flight between Hong Kong and a place outside of Hong Kong according to his/her airline's roster (*specified aircraft*) during the 14 days prior to his/her arrival in Hong Kong and did not leave the specified aircraft during stopover in that place^[Note 1];
 - (ii) is not 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) or the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. E) in respect of his/her arrival at Hong Kong; and
 - (iii) is not under self-isolation in an airport hotel^[Note 2] room until he/she boards a flight departing from Hong Kong according to his/her airline's roster;

AND

- (a) where the specified aircraft is a passenger flight^[Note 3]:—
- (i) between Hong Kong and any place outside China;
 - (ii) between Hong Kong and Taiwan;
 - (iii) between Hong Kong and Mainland/Macao;

OR

- (b) where the specified aircraft is a cargo flight^[Note 3]:
- (i) between Hong Kong and any place outside China;
 - (ii) between Hong Kong and Taiwan;
 - (iii) between Hong Kong and Mainland/Macao;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

- (II) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Part (I) above, as provided under column (1) below, to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for the coronavirus disease 2019 (*the Specified Test*), by providing a sample taken through combined nasal and throat swabs by a person other than the person falling within the specified categories, on the corresponding days^[Note 4] under column (2) below, in compliance with the corresponding requirements under column (3) below and as detailed at Annex:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
Category of persons	Specified testing dates ^[Note 4]	Requirements of the test
(I)(a)(i)	3	a test at Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse
	5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Stations; or a self-arranged test
(I)(a)(ii)	3	a test at Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse
	5,12	a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Stations; or a self-arranged test
(I)(a)(iii)	5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Stations; or a self-arranged test
(I)(b)(i)	3, 5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Stations; or a self-arranged test
(I)(b)(ii)	3, 5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Stations; or a self-arranged test
(I)(b)(iii)	5, 12	a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Stations; or a self-arranged test

(III) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I) above to abide by the following point-to-point transport requirements upon arrival at Hong Kong:—

- (a) in relation to the category of persons in Parts (I)(a)(i) and (I)(a)(ii) above: take a point-to-point transport arranged by his/her airline for travelling from the Hong Kong International Airport to a Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse for fulfilling *the self-isolation requirements at Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouses* set out in Part (IV)(c) below, and wear a face mask during the entire journeys;

(IV) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I)(a)(i) and (I)(a)(ii) above to abide by the following requirements:—

- (a) the following requirements (*the health requirements*) until the 14th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong:
- (i) monitor his/her health condition, including taking body temperature twice daily; and
 - (ii) take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene; and
- (b) the following requirements (*the additional health requirements*) until the 7th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong:
- (i) avoid mask-off activities in public places (save for eating/drinking);
 - (ii) refrain from going to crowded places and mass gatherings;

- (iii) keep a log of activities for records purpose; and
 - (iv) subject to monitoring by the person's airline;
- (c) the following requirements (*the self-isolation requirements at Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouses*) until the result of the 3rd-day test is ascertained
- (i) stay at a room in a Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouses^[Note 5]; and
 - (ii) he/she must not pass any luggage or item to any other person unless with the permission of an authorised officer or with reasonable excuse;
- (V) require every person who falls within the specified category in Parts (I)(a)(iii) and (I)(b)(iii) above to abide by the health requirements until the 14th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong and the additional health requirements until the 7th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong;
- (VI) require every person who falls within the specified category in Parts (I)(b)(i) and (I)(b)(ii) above, to abide by the health requirements until the 14th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong and the additional health requirements until the 7th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong. For those who arrive at Hong Kong before 1 May 2022 and whose result of his/her 3rd-day test is yet to be ascertained, he/she must also continue to abide by the following requirements (*the self-isolation requirements at place of accommodation*) until the result of his/her 3rd-day test is ascertained:
- (i) unless for the purpose of undergoing the Specified Test, attending to medical appointments, flight duties or flight training, or responding to emergencies, stay at the person's place of accommodation until the result of the 3rd-day test is ascertained;
 - (ii) if the person is provided by the Government with a location device and/or smartphone, he/she should wear/carry such device(s), and not to remove, tamper, interfere or damage or allow or cause to be turned off, tampered, interfered or damaged the location device applied on him/her by the Government; turn off, tamper, interfere or damage or allow or cause to be turned off, tampered, interfered or damaged the smartphone provided by the Government; or remove or disable or allow or cause to be removed or disabled the connection of the above mentioned location device and the smartphone without reasonable excuse; and
 - (iii) if the Government uses mobile application to track the person's location, he/she should maintain the connection of the location tracking via the mobile application, and not to remove or disable or allow or cause to be removed or disabled such connection without reasonable excuse;

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

- (VII) specify in relation to the category of persons in Part (I) above the respective 30-day periods counting from the day following the specified testing date of each of the Specified Tests may be issued under the Regulation upon non-compliance with this Notice;

Appointment of Prescribed Person

- (VIII) 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 6].

G.N. (E.) 387 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 1 May 2022.

Note 1:—

If the person temporarily leaves the specified aircraft for necessary technical and operational tasks, including walk-around inspection, during which he/she remains at the airside of the airport concerned with no direct physical contact with the ground staff thereat, he/she would be deemed as not having left the specified aircraft.

Note 2:—

An airport hotel refers to Headland Hotel or Hong Kong SkyCity Marriott Hotel.

Note 3:—

If a person is on board a specified aircraft with passengers during 14 days prior to his/her arrival at Hong Kong, he/she shall be regarded as having arrived at Hong Kong on a specified aircraft that is a passenger flight for the purpose of Part (I) above.

Note 4:—

The numbers denote the dates following the date of arrival at Hong Kong by the categories of persons specified in Part (I) above, which are counted by taking the day of the person's arrival by the specified aircraft 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, the 12th-day Specified Test on 12 April 2022, and so on.

Note 5:—

The Designated Quarantine Hotels/Guesthouses as published on the Government's thematic webpage on Designated Hotels for Quarantine (www.designatedhotel.gov.hk) refer.

Note 6:—

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

30 April 2022

Secretary for Food and Health

Annex

PROCEDURE FOR THE SPECIFIED TEST

- (1) For a test at Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse:—
- (a) undergo on the specified testing dates the Specified Tests, including providing samples, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse and/or the laboratory assigned to the Designated Quarantine Hotel/Guesthouse;

OR

- (2) For a test at Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Centres:—
- (a) attend one of the Community Testing Centres or Mobile Specimen Collection Centres ^[Note] set up by the Government during its opening hours on the specified testing dates ;
 - (b) register to undergo the Specified Tests by presenting the person's identity, the company declaration letter prepared by the air crew member's airline in the format prescribed by the Department of Health, and the notification of medical surveillance; and
 - (c) undergo the Specified Tests, including providing samples, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the Community Testing Centre or Mobile Specimen Collection Centre;

OR

- (3) For a self-arranged test:—
- (a) arrange for (i) the carrying out of the Specified Tests at a laboratory or (ii) the collection of a sample for the Specified Tests by the staff of a laboratory at the air crew member's place of accommodation, and the laboratory must be 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 able to issue SMS (mobile phone text message) notifications in respect of test results; and

- (b) undergo on the specified testing dates the Specified Tests in accordance with the instructions given by the staff of the laboratory, including providing a sample taken through combined nasal and throat swabs;

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/her undergoing the Specified Tests.

Note:—

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