

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 3 August 2022 ^[Note 1]:—
- (a) any person who 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 for less than 7 days 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 falls within the categories of persons and fulfils the conditions specified in G.N. (E.) 651 of 2021;
 - (c) any person 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 7 days;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

- (II) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Part (I) and who is three years old or above on the date of arrival at Hong Kong, as provided under column (1) below, to undergo 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 the Annex:—

(1) Category of persons	(2) Specified testing dates ^[Note 2]	(3) Requirements of the test
(I)(a)	4, 6	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at mobile specimen collection stations
(I)(b)	4, 6	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at mobile specimen collection stations
(I)(c)	4, 6, 9 ^[Note 3]	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at mobile specimen collection stations
	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 ^[Note 3]	a test using a rapid antigen test kit

- (III) 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 7th day and the 10th day ^[Note 2] respectively of the person's arrival at Hong Kong:—
- (a) (in respect of every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I)(c)) if the person needs to leave the place of residence, must have undergone the Specified Test

using a rapid antigen test kit for the day as required by Part (II), and have confirmed the negative result;

- (b) take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene; and
- (c) 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

(IV) specify in relation to:—

- (a) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(a) and (I)(b) above the 30-day periods from the 5th and the 7th day ^[Note 2] respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong; and
- (b) the category of persons in Parts (I)(c) above the 30-day periods from the 5th day, the 6th day, the 7th day, the 8th day, the 9th day, the 10th day and the 11th day ^[Note 2] respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong

as the periods 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 4].

G.N. (E.) 748 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 19 August 2022.

Note 1:—

For a person who is placed under isolation by an isolation order pursuant to section 23 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. A) (*Cap. 599A*) and a person identified as a contact of COVID-19 who is placed under quarantine by a quarantine order pursuant to section 22 of Cap. 599A between the 1st day and the 10th day of his or her arrival at Hong Kong (both days inclusive), this compulsory testing notice is not applicable.

Note 2:—

The numbers denote the dates following the date of arrival at Hong Kong by the categories of persons specified in Part (I) by taking the day following the person's arrival as the 1st day. For example, for a person who arrived at Hong Kong on 12 August 2022, 13 August 2022 is the 1st day and 22 August 2022 is the 10th day.

Note 3:—

For a person who arrives at Hong Kong between 3 August 2022 and 11 August 2022 (both dates inclusive), and is placed under quarantine for less than 7 days pursuant to a quarantine order under section 3 of the Regulation, the person is not required to undergo the Specified Tests while placed under the quarantine.

Note 4:—

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

19 August 2022

Secretary for Health

PROCEDURE FOR THE SPECIFIED TESTS

Polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid tests

- (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.

Rapid antigen tests

- (5) For a test using a rapid antigen test (**RAT**) kit:—
 - (a) use RAT kits to undergo the Specified Tests as per the guidelines provided together with the RAT kits;
 - (b) record the results in the health surveillance form; and
 - (c) keep photos of the RAT test results, and provide the photos 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>.