

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 arrives at Hong Kong on or after 23 November 2021:—
- (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 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*), and who:—
 - (i) arrives on or after the 14th day upon completion of a coronavirus disease 2019 (*COVID-19*) vaccination course ^[Note 1] (*vaccinated traveller*); or
 - (ii) is not a vaccinated traveller;
 - (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, 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, and who:—
 - (i) is a vaccinated traveller; or
 - (ii) is aged below 12 and not a vaccinated traveller, and is placed under quarantine together with his/her accompanying traveller(s) who, if aged 12 or above, is a/all vaccinated traveller(s);
- (II) specify the following category of persons who are aged under 12 and live in the same place of residence or private premises in Hong Kong during the period when persons who fall within the specified category in Part (I)(c)(ii) above are required to abide by the self-isolation requirements;
- (III) specify the following categories of persons (excluding the persons specified in Part (I) above) who are aged 12 or above and live in the same place of residence or private premises in Hong Kong during the period when persons who fall within the specified category in Part (I)(c)(ii) above are required to abide by the self-isolation requirements;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

- (IV) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Parts (I), (II) and (III), 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)(i)	3, 5	at Community Testing Centres
	9, 12, 16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test
	19	at Community Testing Centres

(1) Category of persons	(2) Specified testing dates ^[Note 2]	(3) Requirements of the test
(I)(a)(ii)	3, 7, 12	at Community Testing Centres
	16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test
	19	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(b)	3, 5, 9, 12, 16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test
	19	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(c)(i)	16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test
	19	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(c)(ii)	16, 19 (<i>Taiwan minor testing dates</i>)	at Community Testing Centres
(II)	16, 19	at Community Testing Centres
(III)	16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test
	19	at Community Testing Centres

- (V) 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, 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;
- (VI) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Parts (I)(a)(i) and (I)(c)(i) to abide by the following requirements (**health requirements**) for 7 days following the end of the person's compulsory quarantine period:—
- (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;
- (VII) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I)(c)(ii) to abide by the following requirements until the 21st day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong (**relevant ending date**):—
- (a) the health requirements; and
 - (b) the following requirements (**the self-isolation requirements**):
 - (i) stay at the person's place of residence or private premises;
 - (ii) the transport requirements, for the purpose of going from the place of quarantine specified in the Quarantine Order to the person's place of residence or private premises;
 - (iii) the transport requirements, for the purpose of travelling between the person's place of residence or private premises and a Community Testing Centre; and
 - (iv) not to have contact with persons other than those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course for at least 14 days ^[Note 1] (except persons who falls within the specified categories in Part (II) (as applicable));

- (VIII) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (II) to abide by the following requirements until the relevant ending date:—
- (a) the health requirements; and
 - (b) the self-isolation requirements;
- (IX) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (III) to abide by the health requirements until the relevant ending date;

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

- (X) specify in relation to:—
- (a) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(a)(i) and (I)(b) above the 30-day periods from the 4th, the 6th, the 10th, the 13th, the 17th and the 20th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong;
 - (b) the category of persons in Part (I)(a)(ii) above the 30-day periods from the 4th, the 8th, the 13th, the 17th and the 20th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong;
 - (c) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(c)(i) and (I)(c)(ii) above the 30-day periods from the 17th and the 20th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong; and
 - (d) the categories of persons in Parts (II) and (III) above the 30-day periods from each of the Taiwan minor testing dates respectively

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

- (XI) 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.) 652 of 2021 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 23 November 2021.

Note 1:—

For both the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine (*CoronaVac vaccine*) and Fosun Pharma/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (*Comirnaty vaccine*), completing the vaccination course involves receiving two doses in general, except for persons previously infected with COVID-19, who are to receive one dose of vaccine. For persons aged between 12 and 17 on the scheduled day of arrival at Hong Kong, they may be deemed to have completed the COVID-19 vaccination course on receiving one dose of the Comirnaty vaccine. For individuals who received COVID-19 vaccines in places outside of Hong Kong and have received the recommended dose(s) as stipulated in relevant guidelines, they will also be regarded to have completed the vaccination course of the relevant COVID-19 vaccine, subject to the vaccine used being included on the list of vaccines recognised for this purpose as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website.

The 14th day after a person has completed a COVID-19 vaccination course is counted by taking the next day after the person received all of the recommended dose(s) of COVID-19 vaccine as the 1st day. For example, for a person who has not been infected with COVID-19 previously and received the last recommended dose of COVID-19 vaccine on 16 May 2021, the "1st day" would be 17 May 2021 and the "14th day" would be 30 May 2021.

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 3rd, the 5th, the 7th, the 9th, the 12th, the 16th and the 19th 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 9 August 2021, he/she should (as applicable) undergo the 3rd day Specified Test on 11 August 2021, the 5th day Specified Test on 13 August 2021, the 7th day Specified Test on 15 August 2021, the 9th day Specified Test on 17 August 2021, the 12th day

Specified Test on 20 August 2021, the 16th day Specified Test on 24 August 2021, the 19th day Specified Test on 27 August 2021.

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.

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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 ^{INote1} 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 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 Tests, 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 Tests 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 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

- (3) 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:—

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