

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 arrive at Hong Kong on or after 20 September 2022 ^[Note 1]:—

any person who on the day the person arrives at Hong Kong, or during the 7 days before that day, has stayed in any place outside China, and is placed under medical surveillance for up to 4 days pursuant to a notification of medical surveillance issued under section 15 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. A) (*Cap. 599A*);

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

(II) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I), and who is three years old or above on the date of arrival at Hong Kong, to undergo tests for COVID-19 (*the Specified Tests*) in compliance with the requirements set out below:—

(a) on the 2nd day, the 4th day and the 6th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong ^[Notes 2 and 3] in compliance with the corresponding requirements for the Specified Tests at Community Testing Centres, by a self-arranged test, or at mobile specimen collection stations as detailed at Annex;

(b) daily from 1st day to the 7th day (both days inclusive) following the person's arrival at Hong Kong ^[Notes 2 and 3] in compliance with the corresponding requirements for the Specified Tests using a rapid antigen test kit as detailed at Annex;

(III) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I) to abide by the following requirements from the 1st day to the 7th day (both days inclusive) ^[Note 2] following the person's arrival at Hong Kong:—

(a) 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)(b), and have confirmed the negative result;

(b) monitor his or her health condition, including taking body temperature twice daily; and

(c) 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 periods from the 2nd day, the 3rd day, the 4th day, the 5th day, the 6th day, the 7th day and the 8th 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.) 786 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications at 6.00 a.m. on 26 September 2022.

Note 1:—

Except for a person who is designated or falls within a category of persons designated under section 4(1) 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).

For a person who is placed under isolation by an isolation order pursuant to section 23 of 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 day of his or her arrival at Hong Kong and the 7th day of his or her arrival at Hong Kong (both days inclusive), this compulsory testing notice is not applicable.

Note 2:—

The dates following a person's arrival at Hong Kong are counted by taking the day following the person's arrival as the 1st day. For example, for a person who arrived at Hong Kong on 26 September 2022, 27 September 2022 is the 1st day and 3 October 2022 is the 7th day.

Note 3:

For a person who arrives at Hong Kong between 24 September 2022 and 25 September 2022 (both dates inclusive), and is placed under quarantine for less than 3 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), 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.

24 September 2022

Secretary for Health

Annex

PROCEDURE FOR THE SPECIFIED TESTS

Polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid tests

- (1) For a test at Community Testing Centres:—
- attend one of the Community Testing Centres ^[Note 1] set up by the Government during its opening hours on the specified testing date(s);
 - 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
 - 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:—
- 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
 - 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>.