

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 27 September 2022 ^[Note 1]:—

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 7 days prior to his/her arrival in Hong Kong and did not leave the specified aircraft during stopover in that place ^[Note 2];
- (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 3] 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 flight—
 - (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 tests for the coronavirus disease 2019 (*the Specified Test*) 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)	1, 2, 3, 4	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at Mobile Specimen Collection Stations
	1, 2, 3	a test using a rapid antigen test (<i>RAT</i>) kit
(I)(a)(ii)	1, 2, 3, 4	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at Mobile Specimen Collection Stations
	1, 2, 3	a test using an <i>RAT</i> kit

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Category of persons	Specified testing dates ^[Note 4]	Requirements of the test
(I)(a)(iii)	2	a test at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or a test at Mobile Specimen Collection Stations

- (III) require every person who falls within the specified category in Parts (I)(a)(i) and (I)(a)(ii) above to abide by the following requirements:—
- (a) the following requirements (*the health requirements*) until the 3rd day ^[Note 4] 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

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 respective 30-day period counting from the day following the specified testing date of each of the Specified Tests 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 5].

G.N. (E.) 833 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 4 October 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 7th day of his or her arrival at Hong Kong (both days inclusive), this compulsory testing notice is not applicable.

Note 2:—

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 3:—

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

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 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 5:—

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

PROCEDURE FOR THE SPECIFIED TEST

Polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid 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 dates ;
 - (b) register to undergo the Specified Tests by presenting the person's identity document, 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

- (2) 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;

OR

- (3) For a test at Mobile Specimen Collection Centres:—
 - (a) attend one of the Mobile Specimen Collection Centres ^[Note 2] 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, 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 Mobile Specimen Collection Centre;

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.

Rapid antigen tests

- (5) For a test using an 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>.