

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 2 November 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 ^[Note 2] in compliance with the corresponding requirements for the Specified Tests at Community Testing Centres/Community Testing Stations, by a self-arranged test, or at ad hoc mobile specimen collection stations as detailed at Annex;
- (b) daily from the 1st day to the 7th day (both days inclusive) following the person's arrival at Hong Kong ^[Note 2] 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 has 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 or the 30-day periods from the day following the Extended Testing Period due to Inclement Weather ^[Note 3] 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.) 870 of 2022 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 8 November 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:—

If the tropical cyclone signal No. 3 or above is hoisted, or a red/black rainstorm warning signal or "extreme conditions after super typhoons" announced by the Government is/are in force at any time during the period for undergoing the Specified Test, the period for undergoing the Specified Test (for the polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test) will be extended for 1 day (*the Extended Testing Period due to Inclement Weather*).

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.

8 November 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/Community Testing Stations:—

- (a) attend one of the Community Testing Centres/Community Testing Stations ^[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 notification of medical surveillance (if applicable) and, as far as practicable, the notification of medical surveillance; and
- (c) undergo the Specified Test(s), including providing samples, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the Community Testing Centre/Community Testing Station;

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 a throat swab;

OR

- (3) For a test at ad hoc mobile specimen collection stations:—
- (a) attend one of the ad hoc 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 or a throat swab, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the ad hoc mobile specimen collection 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/Community Testing Stations are set out in <https://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/>.

Note 2:—

The location, opening hours and target groups (if applicable) of the ad hoc mobile specimen collection stations are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.