

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 18 January 2022:—
- (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*);
 - (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;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

- (II) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Part (I), 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 1]	(3) Requirements of the test
(I)(a)	3, 5	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	12	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(b)	3, 5	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	12	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(c)	16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19	at Community Testing Centres

- (III) 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 or a laboratory, 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;
- (IV) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Parts (I)(a) and (I)(c) to abide by the following 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;

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

- (V) specify in relation to:—
- (a) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(a) and (I)(b) above the 30-day periods from the 4th, the 6th, and the 13th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong; and
 - (b) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(c) above the 30-day periods from the 17th and the 20th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong 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

- (VI) 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 2].

G.N. (E.) 833 of 2021 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 5 February 2022.

Note 1:—

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 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 5 February 2022, he/she should (as applicable) undergo the 3rd day Specified Test on 7 February 2022, the 5th day Specified Test on 9 February 2022, the 12th day Specified Test on 16 February 2022, the 16th day Specified Test on 20 February 2022, the 19th day Specified Test on 23 February 2022.

Note 2:—

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^[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 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;

OR

(3) For a test with specimen bottles obtained:—

- (a) obtain specimen collection packs from a person specified by the Director of Health, or one of the 121 post offices, 46 general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority or vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations ^[Note 2];
- (b) collect deep throat saliva sample in the specimen bottles on the specified testing dates as per the guidelines provided together with the specimen collection packs; and
- (c) return the specimen bottles with the sample which must reach one of the designated collection points ^[Note 3] on the specified testing dates;

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.

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 and opening hours of post offices, general out-patient clinics and MTR stations distributing specimen bottles as well as the specimen collection time are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.

Note 3:—

The collection points of specimen bottles are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.