

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 9 January 2022:—

- (a) any person who on the day the person arrives at Hong Kong, or during the 14 days before that day, has stayed in any Group A specified place or Group B specified place ^[Note 1], and is placed under quarantine 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), as the case may be (*Quarantine Order*);
- (b) any person who on the day on which the person arrives at Hong Kong, or during the 14 days before that day, has stayed in any Group C specified place but not any Group A specified place, Group B specified place ^[Note 1] or Taiwan, and is placed under quarantine pursuant to a Quarantine Order, and who:—
 - (i) arrives on or after the 14th day upon completion of a coronavirus disease 2019 (*COVID-19*) vaccination course ^[Note 2] (*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/are all vaccinated traveller(s); or
 - (iii) is not a vaccinated traveller;

(II) specify the following category of persons:—

any person who is aged under 12 and lives in the same place of residence or private premises in Hong Kong during the period when persons who fall within Part (I)(b)(ii) above are required to abide by the self-isolation requirements;

(III) specify the following category of persons (excluding the persons specified in Part (I) above):—

any person who is aged 12 or above and lives in the same place of residence or private premises in Hong Kong during the period when persons who fall within Part (I)(b)(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 a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 (*the Specified Test*) 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 3]	(3) Requirements of the test
(I)(a)	16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19	at Community Testing Centres

(1) Category of persons	(2) Specified testing dates ^[Note 3]	(3) Requirements of the test
(I)(b)(i)	9, 12, 16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(b)(ii)	9, 12, 16 (<i>Group C minor testing dates I</i>)	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19 (<i>Group C minor testing date II</i>)	at Community Testing Centres
(I)(b)(iii)	16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19	at Community Testing Centres
(II)	9, 12, 16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19	at Community Testing Centres
(III)	9, 12, 16	at Community Testing Centres; or a self-arranged test; or with specimen bottles obtained
	19	at Community Testing Centres

- (V) require every person who falls within the specified categories in Parts (I)(a), (I)(b)(i) and (I)(b)(iii) to abide by the following requirements (*health requirements*) for 7 days following the end of the person's compulsory quarantine period:—
- (a) monitor his or her health condition, including taking body temperature twice daily; and
 - (b) take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene;
- (VI) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I)(b)(ii) to abide by the following requirements until the 14th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong (*Group C 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; and
 - (ii) if the person needs to go from the place of quarantine specified in the Quarantine Order to the person's place of residence or private premises, or travel between the person's place of residence or private premises and a Community Testing Centre or a laboratory, the following transport requirements:—
 - (1) travel direct and not disembark on the way;
 - (2) if the person needs to take public transport, travel by taking taxis; and
 - (3) 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; and

- (iii) not to have contact with persons other than those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course for at least 14 days^[Note 2] (except persons who falls within the specified categories in Part (II) (as applicable));
- (VII) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (II) to abide by the following requirements until the Group C ending date:—
- (a) the health requirements; and
 - (b) the self-isolation requirements;
- (VIII) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (III) to abide by the health requirements until the Group C ending date;

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

- (IX) specify in relation to:—
- (a) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(a) and (I)(b)(iii) above the 30-day periods from the 17th and the 20th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong;
 - (b) the categories of persons in Parts (I)(b)(i) and (I)(b)(ii) above the 30-day periods from the 10th, the 13th, the 17th and the 20th day respectively following the person's arrival at Hong Kong;
 - (c) the categories of persons in Parts (II) and (III) above the 30-day periods from each of the Group C minor testing dates I and Group C minor testing date II 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

- (X) 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.) 834 of 2021 will be suspended upon the commencement of the above specifications on 5 February 2022.

Note 1:—

Group A specified place, Group B specified place and Group C specified place are places specified in a notice published in the Gazette by the Secretary for Food and Health under section 5 of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Chapter 599, sub. leg. H) and in force for the time being.

Note 2:—

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 10 May 2021, the "1st day" would be 11 May 2021 and the "14th day" would be 24 May 2021.

Note 3:—

The numbers denote the dates following the date of arrival at Hong Kong by the categories of persons specified in Part (I). The 9th day, 12th day, the 16th day or 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 9th day Specified Test on 13 February 2022, the 12th day Specified Test on 16 February 2022, the 16th day Specified Test on 20 February 2022, and the 19th day Specified Test on 23 February 2022.

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.

31 January 2022

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; 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>.