

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:—

Any person who has made a declaration on the Government's "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test"^[Note 1] on having been tested positive using COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

(II) if a person who falls within the above category specified in Part (I) is requested by a personnel assigned by the Department of Health (*DH*) to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for the COVID-19 (*the Specified Test*), require that person to undergo the Specified Test in compliance with the requirements and procedure set out below:—

- (a) collect by himself/herself the required test sample(s) in accordance with the instructions and requirements given by the personnel assigned by DH;
- (b) submit the self-collected test sample(s) to the personnel assigned by DH at the time specified by that personnel; and
- (c) keep the SMS notification (mobile phone text message) containing the result of the test;

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

(III) specify in relation to the category of persons above the 30-day period counting from the day on which the person is requested by a personnel assigned by DH to undergo the Specified Test as the period during which a Compulsory Testing Order may be issued under the Regulation upon non-compliance with this Notice; and

Appointment of Prescribed Officers

(IV) 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].

This Notice will take effect from 7 March 2022.

Note 1:—

The Government's "Declaration System for individuals tested positive for COVID-19 using Rapid Antigen Test" is at www.chp.gov.hk/ratp.

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.