

G.N. (E.) 70 of 2021

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF DISEASE (COMPULSORY TESTING FOR CERTAIN PERSONS) REGULATION

Compulsory Testing Notice

In exercise of the power conferred by section 10(1) of the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (*the Regulation*) (Chapter 599, sub. leg. J), I hereby:—

Category of Persons

- (I) specify, for the purposes of Part 3 of the Regulation, the following category of persons:—
- any person (including full-time, part-time and relief personnel) who:—
- (a) is, at any time during the period from 4 to 25 February 2021 (*the Testing Period*),
 - (i) employed by the Government, any statutory body or any company with his or her usual place of work in the Airport Area (*the Airport Area*) as mentioned in section 37 of the Airport Authority Ordinance (Chapter 483), or
 - (ii) engaged under a hire-of-service contract with the Government, any statutory body or any company with his or her usual place of service in the Airport Area;

AND

- (b) intends to work or provide hired service in the Airport Area as his or her usual place of work or service at any time during the period from 1 to 31 March 2021.

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

(II) require every person who falls within the above category to undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for the coronavirus disease 2019 (*the Specified Test*) in compliance with the requirements and procedure set out below:—

- (a) for a test at Dedicated Testing Centres for Airport Workers:—
 - (i) attend one of the Dedicated Testing Centres for Airport Workers ^[Note 1] during the Testing Period;
 - (ii) undergo the Specified Test in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the centre; and
 - (iii) keep the SMS (mobile phone text message) notification containing the result of the test, and provide the relevant SMS notification for checking by a prescribed officer when the prescribed officer requires the person to provide information about his or her undergoing the Specified Test;

OR

- (b) for a test at Community Testing Centres:—
 - (i) attend one of the Community Testing Centres ^[Note 2] set up by the Government during the Testing Period;
 - (ii) undergo the Specified Test in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the centre; and
 - (iii) keep the SMS (mobile phone text message) notification containing the result of the test, and provide the relevant SMS notification for checking by a prescribed officer when the prescribed officer requires the person to provide information about his or her undergoing the Specified Test;

OR

- (c) for a test administered by the Hospital Authority:—
 - (i) attend any medical facilities of the Hospital Authority during the Testing Period;

- (ii) undergo the Specified Test in accordance with the instructions given by the medical staff of the Hospital Authority; and
- (iii) keep the report containing the result of the test on a mobile device or SMS (mobile phone text message) notification containing the result of the test, and provide the relevant report or SMS notification for checking by a prescribed officer when the prescribed officer requires the person to provide information about his or her undergoing the Specified Test;

OR

(d) for a self-arranged test at own cost:—

- (i) arrange for the carrying out of the Specified Test at a laboratory included in a list of recognised laboratories for the Specified Test published at the coronavirus disease 2019 thematic website on https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf;
- (ii) undergo, during the Testing Period, the Specified Test as instructed by the staff of the laboratory; and
- (iii) keep the test report, the SMS (mobile phone text message) or email notification containing the result of the test, and provide the test report, the relevant SMS or email notification for checking by a prescribed officer when the prescribed officer requires the person to provide information about his or her undergoing the Specified Test.

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

(III) specify, in relation to the category of persons specified in Part (I), the 31-day period from 1 to 31 March 2021 as the period during which a Compulsory Testing Order may be issued under section 14(1) of the Regulation upon non-compliance with a requirement under this Notice;

Appointment of Prescribed Officers

(IV) appoint, in relation to the category of persons specified in Part (I), police officers to perform a function under the Regulation concerning a requirement specified under this Notice ^[Note 3].

Note 1:—

The locations and opening hours of the Dedicated Testing Centres for Airport Workers are set out in https://www.hongkongairport.com/iwov-resources/image/home/COVID19/Airport_Dedicated_Testing_Centres.jpg.

Note 2:—

The locations and opening hours of the Community Testing Centres are set out in <https://www.communitytest.gov.hk/en/>.

Note 3:—

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