

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:—

persons aged 6 or above who arrive at Hong Kong on or after 9 April 2021, who on the day on which the person boarded a conveyance that arrives at, or is about to arrive at Hong Kong, or during the 21 days before that day, have stayed in any Group D specified place but not any Group A specified place, Group B specified place, or Group C specified place ^[Note 1], and are 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 (*the Quarantine Order*);

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

(II) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I) 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 Community Testing Centres:—

- (i) attend one of the Community Testing Centres ^[Note 2] set up by the Government during its opening hours on the 19th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong ^[Note 3];
- (ii) register to undergo the Specified Test by presenting the person's identity document stated on the Quarantine Order and, as far as practicable, the Quarantine Order;
- (iii) undergo the Specified Test, including providing a sample, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the Community Testing Centre; and
- (iv) 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 with a specimen bottle obtained:—

- (i) obtain a specimen collection pack from a person specified by the Director of Health, or one of the 121 post offices, 47 general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority or vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations ^[Note 4];
- (ii) collect deep throat saliva sample in the specimen bottle on the 19th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong ^[Note 3] as per the guidelines provided together with the specimen collection pack;
- (iii) return the specimen bottle with the sample which must reach one of the designated collection points ^[Note 5] on the 19th day following the person's arrival in Hong Kong ^[Note 3]; and
- (iv) 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;

(III) require every person who falls within the specified category in Part (I) to:—

- (a) monitor his or her health condition, including taking body temperature twice daily, for 7 days following the end of the person's compulsory quarantine (*the self-monitoring period*); and
- (b) take appropriate personal disease prevention measures including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene during the self-monitoring period;

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 period from the 20th day following the person's arrival at Hong Kong as the period 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 ¹Note 6.

Note 1:—

Group A specified places, Group B specified places, Group C specified places and Group D specified places 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:—

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

Note 3:—

The 19th day is 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 9 April 2021, he/she should undergo the Specified Test on 27 April 2021.

Note 4:—

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 5:—

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

Note 6:—

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