

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 categories of persons:—
- (a) any person (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) who, at any time during the period from 30 April 2021 to 13 May 2021 (*the applicable period*):—
    - (i) is employed by and on duty at the premises of any residential care home for the elderly (*RCHE*) operating with a licence issued under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance (Chapter 459); or
    - (ii) through a hire-of-service contract with the aforementioned RCHE, provides services to resident(s) of the RCHE;
  - (b) any person (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) who, at any time during the applicable period:—
    - (i) is employed by and on duty at any day service unit attached to the premises of any RCHE operating with a licence issued under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance; or
    - (ii) through a hire-of-service contract with the aforementioned day service unit, provides services to user(s) of the day service unit;
  - (c) any person (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) who, at any time during the applicable period:—
    - (i) is employed by and on duty at the premises of any residential care home for persons with disabilities (*RCHD*) operating with a licence or a certificate of exemption issued under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance (Chapter 613); or
    - (ii) through a hire-of-service contract with the aforementioned RCHD, provides services to resident(s) of the RCHD;
  - (d) any person (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) who, at any time during the applicable period:—
    - (i) is employed by and on duty at any day service unit attached to the premises of any RCHD operating with a licence or a certificate of exemption issued under the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance; or
    - (ii) through a hire-of-service contract with the aforementioned day service unit, provides services to user(s) of the day service unit;
  - (e) any person (including full-time, part-time and relief staff) who, at any time during the applicable period:—
    - (i) is employed by and on duty at the premises of any nursing home listed in Schedule 10 of the Private Healthcare Facilities Ordinance (Chapter 633) (except nursing homes operating with a licence issued under the Residential Care Homes (Elderly Persons) Ordinance or the Residential Care Homes (Persons with Disabilities) Ordinance); or
    - (ii) through a hire-of-service contract with the aforementioned nursing home, provides services to the resident(s) of the nursing home;

### **Requirements and Procedure for the Test**

(II) require every person who falls within the above categories 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 <sup>[Note 1]</sup> set up by the Government during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021;
- (ii) undergo the Specified Test, including providing a sample; 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 Temporary Testing Centres:—

- (i) attend one of the Temporary Testing Centres <sup>[Note 2]</sup> set up by the Government (if any) during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021;
- (ii) undergo the Specified Test, including providing a sample; 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 at mobile specimen collection stations:—

- (i) attend one of the mobile specimen collection stations <sup>[Note 3]</sup> set up by the Government (if any) during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021;
- (ii) undergo the Specified Test, including providing a sample; 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**

(d) for a test arranged by the above RCHE, RCHD, nursing home or day service unit:—

- (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](https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf);
- (ii) undergo, during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021, the Specified Test as instructed by the staff of the laboratory; and
- (iii) keep the test report and provide it 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**

(e) for a test with a specimen bottle obtained:—

- (i) obtain a specimen bottle from one of the 121 post offices, 47 general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority or vending machines set up at 20 MTR stations <sup>[Note 4]</sup>;
- (ii) collect deep throat saliva sample in the specimen bottle as per the guidelines provided together with the specimen bottle;
- (iii) return, during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021, the specimen bottle with the sample to one of the designated collection points <sup>[Note 4]</sup>; 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**

- (f) for a test at general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority:—
  - (i) undergo, during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021, the Specified Test at general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority as instructed by a medical professional of the Hospital Authority; and
  - (ii) 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**

- (g) for a self-arranged test:—
  - (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](https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories_RTPCR.pdf);
  - (ii) undergo, during the period from 16 April 2021 to 29 April 2021, the Specified Test as instructed by the staff of the laboratory; and
  - (iii) keep the test report and provide it 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 categories of persons specified in Part (I), the 30-day period from 30 April 2021 to 29 May 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 categories of persons specified in Part (I), the following officers to perform a function under the Regulation concerning a requirement specified under this Notice <sup>[Note 5]</sup>:—
  - (a) in relation to the categories of persons specified under (a) to (d) of Part (I)—checking officers (compulsory testing) of the Social Welfare Department; and
  - (b) in relation to the categories of persons specified under (e) of Part (I)—registered nurses of the Department of Health and members of the Auxiliary Medical Service.

**Note 1:—**

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

**Note 2:—**

The Government will from time to time set up Temporary Testing Centres as necessary. If there are Temporary Testing Centres which meet the testing requirements set out in this Compulsory Testing Notice, the Social Welfare Department will announce the relevant information on its website ([https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_supportser/sub\\_ttc/](https://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_supportser/sub_ttc/)) in a timely manner, including the locations and opening hours of such centres.

**Note 3:—**

The Government will from time to time set up mobile specimen collection stations as necessary. Their locations, opening hours and target groups (if applicable) are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.

**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 location and time are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.

**Note 5:—**

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*