

G.N. (E.) 221 of 2021

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:—
- (a) any person who had been present on the following premises in any capacity (including but not limited to residents, visitors and workers) for more than 2 hours at any time during the period from 31 March to 13 April 2021:—
 - (1) Union Mansion, 33–35 Chatham Road South, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon, Hong Kong;
 - (2) Block 2, Kingsford Terrace, 8 King Tung Street, Ngau Chi Wan, Kowloon, Hong Kong;
 - (b) any person who had been present at SMC Automation (Hong Kong) Limited, 29/F, Clifford Centre, 778–784 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong in any capacity (including but not limited to full-time, part-time and relief staff and visitors) for more than 2 hours at any time during the period from 31 March to 13 April 2021;

Requirements and Procedure for the Test

- (II) require every person who falls within the above category ^[Note 1] 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 mobile specimen collection stations:—
 - (i) attend one of the mobile specimen collection stations ^[Note 2] set up by the Government on or before 15 April 2021;
 - (ii) undergo the Specified Test, including providing a sample, in accordance with the instructions given by the staff at the stations; 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 3] set up by the Government on or before 15 April 2021 during its opening hours;
 - (ii) undergo the Specified Test, including providing a sample, 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 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 ^[Note 4];
 - (ii) collect deep throat saliva sample in the specimen bottle as per the guidelines provided together with the specimen bottle;
 - (iii) return, by 15 April 2021, the specimen bottle with the sample to one of the designated collection points ^[Note 4]; 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

- (d) for a test using a specimen bottle distributed to the buildings specified in Part (I) above by the Centre for Health Protection (**CHP**) (if applicable):—
- (i) obtain a specimen bottle from the CHP;
 - (ii) collect relevant sample in the aforesaid specimen bottle as per the guidelines in the specimen collection pack;
 - (iii) return, by 15 April 2021, the specimen bottle with the sample to one of the designated collection points ^[Note 4]; 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

- (e) for a test at general out-patient clinics of the Hospital Authority:—
- (i) undergo, by 15 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

- (f) for a self-arranged test:—
- (i) arrange for the carrying out of the Specified Test at a laboratory which is 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 and which can issue SMS (mobile phone text message) notifications in respect of test results;
 - (ii) undergo, by 15 April 2021, the Specified Test in accordance with the instructions given by the staff of the laboratory; 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;

(III) require every person who falls within the above category to take appropriate personal disease prevention measures as far as reasonably practicable, including wearing a mask and maintaining hand hygiene; and unless for the purpose of undergoing the Specified Test, stay at his/her place of residence and avoid going out until the test result is ascertained as far as possible;

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

(IV) specify in relation to the category of persons above the 30-day period from 16 April to 15 May 2021 as the period during which a Compulsory Testing Order may be issued under the Regulation upon non-compliance with this Notice;

Appointment of Prescribed Officers

(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 ^[Note 5].

Note 1:—

If a person who falls within the category specified in Part (I) above has previously undergone the Specified Test during the period from 11 April to 13 April 2021, he/she would be taken to have complied with the requirements set out in this Notice regardless of whether or not the test was conducted for complying with this Notice.

Note 2:—

The location, opening hours and target groups (if applicable) of the mobile specimen collection stations are set out in <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html>.

Note 3:—

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

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.

13 April 2021

Secretary for Food and Health