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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 had been present at Tower 2 of Lido Garden, 41-63 Castle Peak Road Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan, New Territories, Hong Kong in any capacity (including but not limited to residents, visitors and workers) for more than 2 hours at any time during the period from 13 March to 13 April 2021;

**AND** when the restriction-testing declaration (*declaration*) involving that premises made on 13 April 2021 became effective,

- (a) was present in the restricted area identified by the declaration (*Category A person*); **OR**
- (b) was not present in the restricted area identified by the declaration (*Category B person*);

**Requirements and Procedure for the Test**

(II) require every person falling within the specified 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 mobile specimen collection stations/temporary specimen collection stations:—
  - (i) in respect of a Category A person <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, during the time specified by prescribed officer(s) between 13 April and 1 a.m. on 14 April 2021 and, in respect of a Category B person <sup>[Note 1]</sup>, between 13 April and 15 April 2021, attend one of the mobile specimen collection stations/temporary specimen collection stations <sup>[Note 2]</sup> set up by the Government;
  - (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 <sup>[Note 3]</sup> set up by the Government in accordance with the time or period specified under Part (II)(a)(i) in respect of Category A person and Category B person;
  - (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 <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 the specimen bottle with the sample to one of the designated collection points <sup>[Note 4]</sup> in accordance with the time or period specified under Part (II)(a)(i) in respect of Category A person and Category B person; 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**) / public officer(s) (if applicable):—
- (i) obtain a specimen bottle from the CHP / public officer(s);
  - (ii) collect relevant sample in the aforesaid specimen bottle as per the guidelines in the specimen collection pack;
  - (iii) return the specimen bottle with the sample to one of the designated collection points <sup>[Note 4]</sup>, in accordance with the time or period specified under Part (II)(a)(i) in respect of Category A person and Category B person, to the collection points specified in the information provided in the specimen collection pack; 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, in accordance with the time or period specified under Part (II)(a)(i) in respect of Category A person and Category B person, 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](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, in accordance with the time or period specified under Part (II)(a)(i) in respect of Category A person and Category B person, 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 Category A person the 30-day period from 14 April to 13 May 2021 and in relation to Category B person 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<sup>Note 5</sup>.

**Note 1:—**

If a Category A person and a Category B person 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*