

Important Notice

The Government has published the latest compulsory testing notice under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J). Any person aged three or above who arrives at Hong Kong on or after November 23, 2021 and is placed under quarantine pursuant to a Quarantine Order under section 3 of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C) is required to undergo combined nasal and throat swab samples collected by professionals (professional swab sampling), instead of deep throat saliva specimen, as recognised compulsory testing method. Details of the measures are as below:

A. During compulsory quarantine at designated places (home, hotel# or other accommodation)

Designated Quarantine Hotel is not applicable for persons who have stayed in Mainland China or Macao only. Please choose other hotels for quarantine.

1. A person's arrival at Hong Kong is counted as the 1st day. **Persons who have been fully vaccinated and undergo compulsory quarantine for 7 days** must undergo compulsory testing on the 3rd and 5th day of arrival at Hong Kong while **Persons who have not been fully vaccinated and undergo compulsory quarantine for 14 days** must undergo compulsory testing on the 3rd, 7th and 12th day of arrival at Hong Kong. They are required to go to the Community Testing Centre (CTC) for the tests (testing must be performed at CTC instead of other self-arranged laboratories) and return direct to the specified place of quarantine after testing.
2. Persons undergo compulsory quarantine must arrange point to point transportation such as private car for the purpose of undergoing testing and for going to their place of quarantine. If taking public transport, the persons can only travel direct by taking taxis and cannot disembark on the way. In addition, they must wear mask during the whole journey and should use the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app to record their whereabouts.

For example, for fully vaccinated travelers arriving on 23 November, they will undergo compulsory quarantine at designated places from 23 to 29 November (23:59 hours), and they are required to proceed by themselves in direct transport such as private car or taxi, etc. to CTC for testing on 25 November (the 3rd day) and 27 November (the 5th day).

B. After compulsory quarantine period

Compulsory testing arrangements after quarantine period remain unchanged. **Persons who have been fully vaccinated and undergo compulsory quarantine for 7 days** must undergo compulsory testing on the 9th, 12th, 16th day of their arrival at Hong Kong, at a CTC or a recognised local medical testing institution, and on the 19th day of arrival at Hong Kong at a CTC.

Persons who have not been fully vaccinated and undergo compulsory quarantine for 14 days must undergo compulsory testing on the 16th of their arrival at Hong Kong at a CTC or a recognised local medical testing institution and on the 19th day of arrival at Hong Kong at a CTC.

Any enquiries on compulsory testing arrangements may be addressed to the hotline at 6275 6901 which operates daily from 9am to 6pm. Persons who are subject to compulsory testing can check the community testing centre's online appointment status in advance.

Persons subject to compulsory testing should present the identity document stated on the Quarantine Order and, as far as practicable, the Quarantine Order to register for free testing. They must also keep the SMS (mobile phone text message) notification containing the result of the test, and provide the relevant SMS notification for checking by a law enforcement officer when the officer requires the persons to provide information about their undergoing the test.

The Government will seriously verify whether the relevant persons had complied with the testing notice. Any person who fails to comply with the testing notice commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him/her to undergo testing within a specified timeframe. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

FAQs

1. When a confinee go to a CTC to undergo compulsory testing, can the confinee attend to other business on the way to or from the place of quarantine?

No. Self-discipline and community solidarity in fighting against the disease are of utmost importance. Confinees go to shopping, dining or handling other matters when proceeding to CTC or returning to their specified place of quarantine may commit a criminal offence. The penalty upon conviction is imprisonment for six months and a fine of \$25,000. The Government will ensure the persons under compulsory quarantine stay at the premises by breach reports, spot checks, telephone calls and monitoring of the status of electronic device, etc.

2. Can I choose a date other than the specified testing dates to undergo testing at CTC?

No. During compulsory quarantine, confinees must stay at the premises at all times until the end of the quarantine period unless proceeding to CTC for testing on the specified dates and returning to their specified place of quarantine thereafter. Leaving dwelling places without permission is a criminal offence and offenders are subject to a maximum imprisonment of six months and a fine of \$25,000.

3. Are there anything confinees should pay special attention to when proceeding to CTC?

The CTC open daily from 8am to 1:30pm and from 2:30pm to 8pm. To prevent crowd gathering, please make online appointments through [24-hour appointment booking system](#) before visiting the CTC for specimen collection.

When proceeding to CTC or returning to the specified place of quarantine, confinees must wear mask during the whole course and should make a note of the car plate numbers of the vehicles taken and retain those records for 30 days from the day of taking the vehicles, or scan the 'LeaveHomeSafe' QR code on the taxis using the 'LeaveHomeSafe' mobile application on his/her mobile phone.

4. If I have medical issues on the specified testing date, what should I do?

A dedicated telephone hotline which operates 24 hours is provided to confinees. During the quarantine period, when confinee has fever or other symptoms, he should call the telephone hotline. After assessment, a confinee would be sent to hospital for treatment if needed.

5. What is the compulsory testing arrangement for confinees aged 3 or below?

Compulsory testing using stool specimen will continue to be adopted for persons who are incapable of receiving professional swab sampling due to small age. As per existing mechanism, the Government distributes specimen collection packs to inbound travellers who are required to undergo home quarantine at boundary control points.

Confinees may return the specimen by family members/relatives/friends (who are not under quarantine) to designated [specimen collection points](#) on the specified testing date. You may also choose to use door-to-door specimen collection service at a charge.

For door-to-door specimen collection service, advanced booking is required (including online payment requirements). Due to service capacity and other reasons, service providers may have limited service on specified dates, you are advised to contact them as early as possible to avoid late submission. You may visit their websites by clicking the names of the companies below or contact them directly.

Door-to-door specimen collection service

- [GOGO VAN](#) (enquiry phone number: 5681 4989)
- [Pickupp](#) (enquiry email: hk@pickupp.io)
- [Toby](#) (enquiry phone number: 3703 3250)

Note: Please note that all post offices will NOT collect specimens. Please do NOT send specimens by postal mail. Please refer to <https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/early-testing.html> for more information.

6. What would the consequence be if I did not perform compulsory COVID-19 nucleic acid testing on specified dates?

Pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J), the Government published in the Gazette a compulsory testing notice, requiring relevant inbound travellers to undergo COVID-19 test(s) on specified day(s) after arrival, free of charge. Concerned persons may be charged for the tests if they do not attend the testing on the specified dates.

Any person who fails to comply with the testing notice commits an offence and may be fined a fixed penalty of \$5,000. The person would also be issued with a compulsory testing order requiring him/her to undergo testing within a specified time frame. Failure to comply with the order is an offence and the offender would be liable to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and imprisonment for six months.

Apart from possible prosecution, persons under compulsory quarantine at home who fail to conduct testing according to compulsory testing requirements may be required to complete the rest of the quarantine period at a designated quarantine centre.

Please refer to relevant instructions and this webpage for details:

<https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html>