

Latest Testing and Self-Isolation Arrangement for Crew

In regard of the latest testing and self-isolation arrangement for all air crew members **effective from 04OCT2022**, as shown in the table below, we would like to draw your immediate attention to remind all crew to strictly follow the conditions of arrival and subsequent self-isolation specified by the Department of Health (DH).

1. For air crew who seek to enter local community, they must have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course. They are required to receive a 3rd vaccine dose (or equivalent) if eligible to receive additional dose(s) of vaccines³.
2. Not allowed to be on board a flight to/from the Mainland/Macau according to his airline's roster, if he has been on board a flight (including a turnaround flight) to/from any place outside China or to/from Taiwan, China according to his airline's roster during the 7 days prior to his boarding the flight to/from the Mainland/Macau concerned.
3. If air crew member who are not able to comply with any of the conditions herein will be subject to the arrangements applicable to general inbound persons.

Travel History in any place outside China or in Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
	Crew enter local community	Crew will not enter local community
Required Document¹	<u>Airline Company Declaration Letter for crew</u>	
Testing Requirements²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT), with specimen collected within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong is required. Arrival PCR test at TSCC required. Must wait for post-arrival PCR test result at TSCC. <p><u>If locally based turnaround⁴ air crew member will enter a local community:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above, pre-departure RAT & arrival PCR test at TSCC required. Not required to wait for post-arrival PCR test result at TSCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT), with specimen collected within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong is required. Arrival test at TSCC not required.
Self-isolation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation not required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight.
Transport and Post arrival Requirements	Please refer to <u>"Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft ("air crew members")"</u> Clauses 12 (pg. 2-3) for more details.	Please refer to <u>"Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft ("air crew members")"</u> Clauses 18-22 (pg. 4) for more details.

ONLY having travel history in Mainland China/ Macau during the 7 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
	Crew enter local community	Crew will not enter local community
Required Document¹	<u>Airline Company Declaration Letter for crew</u>	
Testing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-departure test not required. Arrival test at TSCC not required 	
Self-isolation Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight.

Transport and Post-arrival Requirements	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” Clauses 13 (pg. 3) for more details.	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” Clauses 18-22 (pg. 4) for more details.
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Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crew in transit at VHHH (remain on board) are exempted from the above requirements. The Department of Health (DH) may cancel an exemption granted to crew member if the exemption conditions are breached. Non-compliant crew members will be treated and quarantined as a normal inbound passenger. Please remind your crew members to keep physical copies of any supporting documents with them to present to DH staff on arrival. Requirements during foreign port layover for locally based crew: Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft” Clauses 7 (pg. 2).
<p>1. Upon arrival at HKIA, each crew member must present to DH staff a company declaration letter issued by his airline, which must follow DH’s prescribed format.</p>
<p>2. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) based nucleic acid tests conducted by a laboratory or health care institution with samples collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time will also be accepted. The crew is may present the PCR test report to staff of DH when he/she enters HK. Results of tests conducted using platforms other than PCR or RAT (e.g. reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification, RT-LAMP) are not be accepted.</p>
<p>3. An air crew member is deemed to have ‘completed a COVID 19 vaccination course’ if they arrive in Hong Kong on or after the 14th day after completing vaccination in manners as stipulated in the relevant Government Notices that set out the vaccination requirements applicable to general inbound travellers.</p> <p>For an air crew member who arrives in Hong Kong and has completed a COVID 19 vaccination course and received additional dose(s) of vaccines, their airline should check the vaccination record of the air crew member and declare on a company declaration letter that the air crew member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) has completed a COVID 19 vaccination course, and; (ii) is eligible for additional doses, and if eligible, has received additional dose(s) of vaccines 14 days before their flight duty and that the vaccines used are recognized as per the HKSAR Government’s COVID-19 thematic website.
<p>4. During stopover in that place outside of Hong Kong, a turnaround crew member must remain on board the aircraft, except for temporarily leaving the aircraft for necessary technical and operational tasks (e.g. flight crew’s walk-around inspection) during which he must remain at the airside of the airport concerned with no direct physical contact with the ground staff there. If he fails to comply with the aforementioned, he will be deemed as having laid over in the place concerned and will no longer be deemed as a turnaround crew member upon his return to Hong Kong.</p>