

Mandatory Specimen Collection (Deep Throat Saliva Sampling) and COVID-19 Test for All Inbound Crew and Passengers

Starting from 0400L 18 August 2020, all asymptomatic inbound crew and passengers arriving at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) will be subject to the following process at the Department of Health's relocated Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (TSCC) at HKIA Midfield Concourse and Terminal 1:

	Procedure	Location
1	Temperature checking upon disembarkation	HKBAC
2	Customs clearance on checked baggage at HKBAC	HKBAC
3	Health Checking by Port Health officer	HKIA Midfield Concourse
4	Deep throat saliva sample collection	HKIA Midfield Concourse
5	Wait for test result (for passenger arriving between 0100LT-1259LT)	HKIA Midfield Concourse
6	Immigration and Customs clearance on hand-carry baggage	HKIA Terminal 1
7	DH's Holding Centre for test result (for passenger arriving between 1300LT-0059LT)	Designated hotel assigned by Department of Health

All arrival crew and passengers will be required proceed to the TSCC for collecting their deep throat saliva (DTS) samples immediately upon arrival. All passengers and non-local crew without pre-departure negative test results will need to stay at the TSCC to wait for test results, which will usually be available on the same day before they can proceed with immigration procedures. The waiting time could be up to 8-12 hours.

Passengers whose test results will not be available on the same day (usually passengers arriving in the afternoon or at night) can proceed with immigration procedures right after their DTS samples are collected at the TSCC. They will subsequently be taken to the DH's Holding Centre for Test Results in a hotel by coaches arranged by the DH to wait for their test results. The waiting time could be up to 12 hours or more.

Please be reminded the actual holding point of test result is subject to the decision of DH's Officer on site

HKBAC staff and security officer will escort crew / passengers from the aircraft to the TSCC and Terminal 1. All incurred charges will be billed to aircraft invoice; you may contact our Customer Service team for the quotation.

While exempted from quarantine, all inbound crew will subject to medical surveillance. From 29 July 2020, aircraft operators should arrange point-to-point transportation and self-isolated accommodation for crew members to minimise contact with local community.

Only hand carry baggage would be allowed to be carried along with the crew and passengers to the TSCC and Terminal 1. All passengers checked baggage would be cleared by Customs at HKBAC, and to be collected by the passenger or his/her authorized person at HKBAC.

If a visitor's permitted limit of stay in Hong Kong is shorter than the length of the compulsory quarantine (i.e. 14 days), he/she will be refused entry into Hong Kong.

Please note that failure to comply with the testing requirement is an offence, and will be liable to fine and imprisonment according to the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A).