

Mandatory Specimen Collection (combined nasal and throat sample) and COVID-19 Test for All Inbound Crew and Passengers

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	Combined nasal and throat sample collection	HKIA Midfield Concourse
5	Wait for test result	HKIA Midfield Concourse
6	Immigration and Customs clearance on hand-carry baggage	HKIA Terminal 1
7	Transfer from Terminal 1 to Designated Quarantine Hotel	HKIA Terminal 1 to Quarantine Hotel

All arrival crew and passengers will be required proceed to the TSCC for collection of nasal and throat samples immediately upon arrival. After the collection of combined nasal and throat swabs of travellers arriving at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) by dedicated staff at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre (TSCC) at HKIA, the COVID-19 nucleic acid test by reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) on the samples will be conducted at a dedicated laboratory set up by a testing agency at HKIA. The RT-PCR test concerned has a shorter turnaround time and the new arrangement is expected to reduce travellers' waiting time for test results. The waiting time would be about 4 hours. All passengers and non-local crew without pre-departure negative test result will need to stay at the TSCC to wait for test results.

HKBAC staff and security officer will escort crew / passengers from the aircraft to the TSCC and Terminal 1. Passenger have to take complimentary government arranged coach from HKIA to Designated Quarantine Hotel, which would be shared with all commercial passengers. If private transfer is required for the journey from HKIA to Designated Quarantine Hotel, please contact HKBAC for advance arrangement and obtain quotation.

While exempted from quarantine, all inbound crew will subject to medical surveillance. 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. 21 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).