

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

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.

	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 at TSCC	HKIA Midfield Concourse
5	Wait for test result at TSCC	HKIA Midfield Concourse
6	Immigration and Customs clearance on hand-carry baggage	HKIA Terminal 1
7	Take designated transport to the hotel	Designated Quarantine Hotel

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.

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. 14/21 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).