

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 20AUG2021**, 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.

Return from, or have stayed in <u>High Risk Places (Group A specified places under Cap.599H)</u> during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
<p><i>For local-based air crew who have only stayed in Bangladesh, Cambodia, France, Greece, Iran, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and/or the United States of America, but NOT other high risk places specified in Group A under Cap. 599H, before 01 November 2021, they are counted as having only stayed in Group B specified places but are NOT counted as having stayed in Group A specified places.</i></p>		
	Local (Hong Kong based) crew	Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew
Categorization	Operator should provide each air crew a letter certifying whether he/she is a local or non-local based crew ¹ .	
Requirements during foreign port layover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crew must self-isolate at the hotel room arranged by Operator for the duration of their stay. Point-to-point transportation must be arranged by Operator between Airport and accommodation (masks must be worn during the entire journey). 	
Testing and Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-departure test not required. Post-arrival test at TSCC required. Must wait for post-arrival test result at TSCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-departure test² with negative result required (sample collection within 48 hours prior to the STD of the flight to HK for duty). Arrival without a negative result as above will result in crew compulsory quarantine for 21 days upon arrival due to failing exemption condition. Post-arrival test at TSCC is required. Must wait for post-arrival test result at TSCC.
Self-isolation, Transport Requirement	<p>If Crew will not enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated⁴: Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³. Not fully vaccinated: self-isolate at a <u>Designated Quarantine Hotel</u>⁶ for 21 days upon arrival. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated⁴: self-isolate at a <u>Designated Quarantine Hotel</u>⁶ for 14 days upon arrival. Crew may enter local community thereafter, subject to a further 7 days of Medical Surveillance. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³. Not fully vaccinated: self-isolate at a <u>Designated Quarantine Hotel</u>⁶ for 21 days 	<p>Concerned crew is not allowed to enter any local communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully vaccinated⁴: Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³. Not fully vaccinated: self-isolate at a <u>Designated Quarantine Hotel</u>⁶ for 21 days upon arrival. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³.

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Test following arrival	All crew must undergo SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test on multiple days following arrival as specified by Department of Health	

<p>Return from, or have stayed in <u>Medium Risk Places (Group B specified places under Cap.599H, or Taiwan)</u> during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong (and have not stayed in Group A specified places during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong)</p> <p><i>For local-based air crew who have only stayed in Australia, but NOT other medium risk places specified in Group B under Cap. 599H, before 01 November 2021, they are counted as having only stayed in Group C specified places but are NOT counted as having stayed in Group B specified places.</i></p>		
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Requirements during foreign port layover	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew must self-isolate at the hotel room arranged by Operator for the duration of their stay • Point-to-point transportation must be arranged by Operator between Airport and accommodation. (Must wear mask during the entire journey) 	
Testing and Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-departure test not required. • Post-arrival test at TSCC required. • Must wait for post-arrival test result at TSCC or Airport Hotel (only for fully vaccinated⁴ crew). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-departure test² with negative result required (sample collection within 48 hours prior to the STD of the flight to HK for duty). • Arrival without a negative result as above will result in crew compulsory quarantine for 21 days upon arrival due to failing exemption condition. • Post-arrival test at TSCC is required. • Must wait for post-arrival test result at TSCC or Airport Hotel (only for fully vaccinated⁴ crew).

<p>Self-isolation, Transport Requirement</p>	<p>If Crew will not enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated⁴: Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 14 days³. • Not fully vaccinated: Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated⁴: self-isolate at a <u>Designated Quarantine Hotel⁶</u> for 7 days upon arrival. Crew may enter local community thereafter, subject to a further 14 days of Medical Surveillance. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 14 days³. • Not fully vaccinated: self-isolate at a <u>Designated Quarantine Hotel⁶</u> for 14 days upon arrival. Crew may enter local community thereafter, subject to a further 7 days of Medical Surveillance. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³. 	<p>Concerned crew is not allowed to enter any local communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully vaccinated⁴: Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 14 days³. • Not fully vaccinated: Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. Point to point transportation required to/from HKIA for the first 21 days³.
<p>Test following arrival</p>	<p>All crew must undergo SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test on multiple days following arrival as specified by Department of Health</p>	

<p>Return from, or have stayed in <u>Low Risk Places (Group C specified places under Cap.599H) only</u> during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong (and have not stayed in Group A specified places during the 21 days; or Group B specified places or Taiwan during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong)</p>		
	<p>Local (Hong Kong based) crew</p>	<p>Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew</p>
<p>Categorization</p>	<p>Operator should provide each air crew a letter certifying whether he/she is a local or non-local based crew¹.</p>	
<p>Requirements during foreign port layover</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew must self-isolate at the hotel room arranged by Operator for the duration of their stay • Point-to-point transportation must be arranged by Operator between Airport and accommodation. (Must wear mask during the entire journey) 	
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<p>Return from, or have stayed in <u>China and Macau only</u> in the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong (and have not stayed in Group A specified places during the 21 days; or Group B, Group C specified places or Taiwan during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong)</p>		
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Categorization	Operator should provide each air crew a letter certifying whether he/she is a local or non-local based crew¹ .	
Testing and Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-departure test not required. • Post-arrival test at TSCC required. • Must wait for post-arrival test result at TSCC or Airport Hotel (only for fully vaccinated⁴ crew). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-departure test² with negative result required (sample collection within 48 hours prior to the STD of the flight to HK for duty). • Arrival without a negative result as above will result in crew compulsory quarantine for 21 days upon arrival due to failing exemption condition. • Post-arrival test at TSCC is required. • Must wait for post-arrival test result at TSCC or Airport Hotel (only for fully vaccinated⁴ crew).

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Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew in transit at VHHH (remain on board) is exempted from the above requirements. • Crew repositioning as passengers on commercial flights (not on GD/uniform, with an exemption letter endorsed by HKBAC) are subject to the same requirements above. • The Department of Health may cancel an exemption granted to crew member if the exemption conditions are breached. Non-compliance will result in the mandatory quarantine of the crew member for 21 days. • Please remind your crew members to keep physical copies of any Letters of Certification and test reports (if applicable) with them to present to Department of Health staff on arrival.
<p>1. Those without a letter indicating he/she is a local or non-local based crew will be treated as a non-local based crew (Template of Airline Certification Letter).</p>
<p>2. The negative result of SAR-COV-2 nucleic acid test must be done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognized by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected within 48 hours prior to boarding the flight to Hong Kong for duty. The Operator should declare that on a letter of certification (Template of Airline Certification Letter). The crew is required to present the test report and the letter of certification issued by the operator to staff of DH when he/she enters HK.</p> <p>The nucleic acid test for COVID-19 must be a polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-based nucleic acid test. Results of tests conducted using other testing platforms (e.g. reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification, RT-LAMP) cannot be considered to have fulfilled the relevant specified boarding requirement.</p>
<p>3. During the specified period, point-to-point transportation must be arranged by Operator / HKBAC between HKIA and Airport Hotel / Designated Quarantine Hotel / accommodation (masks must be worn during the entire journey). Use of public transport including MTR, airport shuttle train and taxis is prohibited. Crew must proceed via Arrival Hall B to the Limousine Lounge to board their point-to-point transport. The arranged vehicle must have AAHK Landside Prohibited / Restricted Zone Permit and Travel Industry Vehicle (TIV) Permit, to access the Limousine Lounge.</p>
<p>4. The crew member concerned have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course 14 days before their duty flight and the COVID-19 vaccine used is included on the list of vaccine as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website. Crew member should present a valid vaccination record to Department of Health upon their arrival.</p>
<p>5. Please refer to the "List of Recognised Private Medical Laboratories for Conducting Recognised Antibody Test" on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website for details.</p>

6. Air crew members are not allowed to operate during the self-isolation period at the Designated Quarantine Period. They are allowed to operate during the remaining medical surveillance period after leaving the designated quarantine hotel.

Crew hotel

The hotel chosen for crew self-isolation must be notified of the arrangement and is required to monitor crew compliance to self-isolation measures. Violations should be reported by the hotel to the operator and the responsible government department.

Crew operate turnaround flights (with no inbound passengers)

On condition of any of the following, crew who have served on a turnaround passenger flight will not be deemed to have stayed in any port(s) outside Hong Kong (and will not be subject to the self-isolation arrangement upon arrival in Hong Kong before entering the local community), if the crew member concerned:

- i.) Did NOT leave the aircraft during stopover at any port(s) outside Hong Kong throughout a duty flight, or;
- ii.) Only temporarily left the aircraft for necessary technical and operational tasks, and remained at the airside of the airport concerned with no direct physical contact with local ground staff during stopover at any port(s) outside Hong Kong throughout a duty flight.

Nevertheless, turnaround passenger flights between Hong Kong and any foreign port(s) outside China may be performed ONLY on the condition that there will be no inbound passengers, in order for the air crew concerned to be deemed as turnaround crew not subject to the self-isolation arrangement upon arrival in Hong Kong.

The operator should declare on a letter of certification ([Template](#)) that the crew members concerned have NOT left the aircraft during stopover at any foreign port(s) outside China throughout a duty flight and the flight the crew operated was a passenger flight with no inbound passengers. The air crew concerned will be subject to the "Test and Hold" arrangement, enhanced regular testing and Medical Surveillance upon arrival in Hong Kong. Without clear declaration or when there is doubt on travel history, the crew may be put under a more stringent measure.