

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 01MAY2022**, 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.

^ Locally (Hong Kong) based & Non-Local based air crew employed by a local airline

1. Must have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course. Is required to receive a 3rd vaccine dose (or equivalent) if eligible to receive additional dose(s) of vaccines.³
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 14 days prior to his boarding the flight to/from the Mainland/Macau concerned.
3. All locally based air crew members on board a flight to/from a place outside of Hong Kong according to their airline's roster must be subject to the same period of self-isolation in a designated quarantine hotel ("DQH") room or a place of accommodation, when they seek to enter the local community upon their arrival in Hong Kong. In other words, a locally based air crew member must not be arranged by his airline to be on board the same flight with another locally based air crew member who will be subject to a different period of self-isolation, when they seek to enter the local community upon their arrival in Hong Kong.
4. If airlines choose to deploy local and non-local crew on the same passenger flight, then the local crew upon landing in HKG will be treated as inbound travelers. These local crew will not be able to continue in a close loop arrangement and will be required to self-isolate for 7 days in a DQH. Airlines should ensure the information declared the company declaration letter presented to DH's staff upon a locally based air crew member's arrival at HKIA is accurate.

Having Travel History in any place outside China or in Taiwan, China during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
	Local (Hong Kong based) crew[^]	Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew
Required Document	Airline Company Declaration Letter for a local based crew¹ .	Airline Company Declaration Letter for a non-local based crew¹ .
Testing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-administered rapid antigen test² (RAT), with specimen collected within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong is required. <p>If Crew will not enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-arrival test at TSCC not required. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-arrival PCR test & RAT at TSCC required. • May wait for post-arrival PCR test result at a Designated Quarantine Hotel⁴, after obtaining a negative RAT result. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-administered rapid antigen test² (RAT), with specimen collected within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong is required • Post-arrival test at TSCC is not required.
Self-isolation Requirements	<p>If Crew will not enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolation at an Airport Hotel until departure from HK on next duty flight. • Medical surveillance for 14 days <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p>	<p>Concerned crew is not allowed to enter any local communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolation at an Airport Hotel until departure from HK on next duty flight.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolate at a Designated Quarantine Hotel⁴ until obtaining: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A negative PCR test result on 3rd day b) Negative results of self-administered RATs on 2nd & 3rd days. 	
Post arrival test, Transport and Post-arrival test Requirements	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” pg. 3-6 for more details.	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” pg.7-8 for more details.

ONLY having travel history in Mainland China/ Macau during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
	Local (Hong Kong based) crew[^]	Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew
Required Document	Airline Company Declaration Letter for a local based crew ¹ .	Airline Company Declaration Letter for a non-local based crew ¹ .
Testing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-departure test not required. <p>If Crew will not enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-arrival test at TSCC not required. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post-arrival PCR test at TSCC required. Must wait for arrival test result at TSCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-departure test not required. Arrival test at TSCC is not required.
Self-isolation Requirements	<p>If Crew will not enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation not required. Stay at an Airport Hotel. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation not required. 	<p>Concerned crew is not allowed to enter any local communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation at an Airport Hotel until departure from HK on next duty flight.
Post arrival test, Transport and Post-arrival test Requirements	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” pg. 4-6 for more details.	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” pg. 7-8 for more details.

Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crew in transit at VHHH (remain on board) is exempted from the above requirements. 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. 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. Upon arrival at HKIA, each and every air crew member must present to DH’s staff a company declaration letter issued by his airline, which must follow DH’s prescribed format.</p>

2. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) based nucleic acid tests will also be accepted. 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. The Operator should declare that on a letter of certification. 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.

Results of tests conducted using platforms other than PCR or RAT (e.g. reverse transcription loop-mediated isothermal amplification, RT-LAMP) will not be accepted for the relevant specified boarding requirement.

3. An air crew member is deemed to have 'completed a COVID 19 vaccination course' if he arrives 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.

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, his airline should check the vaccination record of the air crew member and declare on a company declaration letter that (i) the air crew member has completed a COVID 19 vaccination course and (ii) whether the air crew member concerned is eligible for additional doses, and if eligible, he has and received additional dose(s) of vaccines 14 days before his flight duty and that the COVID 19 vaccines used must be included on the list of vaccines recognised for this purpose as published on the Government's [COVID-19 thematic website](#).

4. Air crew members are not allowed to operate during the self-isolation period at the Designated Quarantine Hotel. They are allowed to operate flight duty, attend medical appointments, and undergo flight training 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.

Requirements during foreign port layover: Please refer to "[Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft](#)" for more details.

Repositioning Crew Arriving as Airline Passenger: Please refer to "[Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft](#)" Part IV (pg. 10) for more details.