

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

Starting from 18 August 2020, all asymptomatic inbound 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. They 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 *

Baggage clearance

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.