

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 10SEP2022**, 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 (DH).

Locally (Hong Kong) based & Non-Local based air crew employed by a local airline
<p>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 vaccines³.</p> <p>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 7 days prior to his boarding the flight to/from the Mainland/Macau concerned.</p> <p>3. 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 a normal inbound passenger. These local crew will not be able to continue in a close loop arrangement and will be required to quarantine at a Designated Quarantine Hotel. 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.</p>

Travel History in any place outside China or in Taiwan, China during the 7 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
	Local (Hong Kong based) crew	Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew
Required Document¹	<u>Airline Company Declaration Letter for a local based crew</u>	<u>Airline Company Declaration Letter for a non-local based crew</u>
Testing Requirements²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-administered rapid antigen test (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"> Arrival test at TSCC not required. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrival PCR test & RAT at TSCC required. Must wait for post-arrival PCR test result at TSCC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-administered rapid antigen test (RAT), with specimen collected within 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong is 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 at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight. <p>If Crew will enter a local community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Layover requirements⁴ complied with: Self-isolation not required. Layover requirements⁴ not complied with: Quarantine as normal inbound passenger. 	<p>Concerned crew is not allowed to enter any local communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-isolation at an <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight.
Transport and Post arrival Requirements	Please refer to <u>"Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft ("air crew members")"</u> pg. 3-4 for more details.	Please refer to <u>"Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft ("air crew members")"</u> pg. 6-7 for more details.

ONLY having travel history in Mainland China/ Macau during the 7 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong		
	Local (Hong Kong based) crew	Non-local (Non Hong Kong based) crew

Required Document¹	Airline Company Declaration Letter for a local based crew	Airline Company Declaration Letter for a non-local based crew
Testing Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-departure test not required. • Arrival test at TSCC not required. 	<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 <u>Airport Hotel</u>. <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 <u>Airport Hotel</u> until departure from HK on next duty flight.
Transport and Post-arrival Requirements	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” pg. 3-4 for more details.	Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft (“air crew members”)” pg. 6-7 for more details.

Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew in transit at VHHH (remain on board) are exempted from the above requirements. • The Department of Health (DH) 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 supporting documents with them to present to DH staff on arrival.
<p>1. Upon arrival at HKIA, each crew member must present to DH staff a company declaration letter issued by his airline, which must follow DH’s prescribed format.</p>
<p>2. Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) based nucleic acid tests conducted by a laboratory or health care institution with samples collected within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time will also be accepted. The crew is may present the PCR test report 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) are not be accepted.</p>
<p>3. An air crew member is deemed to have ‘completed a COVID 19 vaccination course’ if they arrive 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.</p> <p>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, their airline should check the vaccination record of the air crew member and declare on a company declaration letter that the air crew member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) has completed a COVID 19 vaccination course, and; (ii) is eligible for additional doses, and if eligible, has received additional dose(s) of vaccines 14 days before their flight duty and that the vaccines used are recognized as per the HKSAR Government’s COVID-19 thematic website.
<p>4. Requirements during foreign port layover for locally based crew: Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft” Clauses 5 & 6 (pg. 1-2). Compliance must be declared on each crew member’s Airline Company Declaration Letter. Non-compliant crew members will be treated and quarantined as a normal inbound passenger.</p>
<p>5. Repositioning Crew Arriving as Airline Passenger: Please refer to “Exemption conditions applicable to crew members of aircraft” Part IV (pg. 10).</p>