# Mandatory Specimen Collection (Combined Nasal and Throat Sample) and COVID-19 Test for All Inbound Passengers from Taiwan

### or Outside Mainland China

All travellers arriving from Taiwan or outside Mainland China at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) will be subject to following process at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre One (TSCC 1) at HKIA Midfield Concourse.

With effect from 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022, the quarantine arrangement for inbound passengers from overseas places or Taiwan will be changed as follows:

Prior completion of online Health & Quarantine Information Declaration (www.chp.gov.hk/hdf/)

Passengers must submit their vaccination record and DQH booking confirmation before boarding a flight to Hong Kong. The system will issue quarantine orders, medical surveillance notices, vaccination records and Provisional Vaccine Pass QR codes electronically. A green health declaration QR code will be issued if passengers meets the boarding requirements. If the system is unable to confirm their DQH booking information, a pink health declaration QR code will be issued and the passenger will be required to proceed to perform document verification with relevant authorities before continuing the arrival process.

Travellers are required to undergo a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nucleic acid test by professional swab sampling as well as an additional rapid antigen test (RAT) with professional specimen collection at the same time upon arrival. He or she can then proceed with immigration procedures, and upon the instruction of the staff on site be transferred by designated transport to DQHs where he or she will wait for the nucleic acid test result.

	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 and RAT at TSCC 1	HKIA Midfield Concourse
5	Immigration and Customs clearance on hand-carry baggage	HKIA Terminal 1
6	Take designated transport to designated quarantine hotel	HKIA Limousine Lounge

#### Reminders:

- All arrival passengers are required proceed to the TSCC for collection of nasal and throat samples immediately upon arrival.
- Any persons fail 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).
- Only hand carry baggage would be allowed to be carried along with the passengers to the TSCC and Terminal 1. All passengers checked baggage would be cleared by Customs at HKBAC, and to be delivered to designated quarantine hotel(s) only.
- HKBAC staff and security officer will escort passengers from the aircraft to the TSCC and Terminal 1.
   All incurred charge will be billed to aircraft invoice; you may contact our Customer Service team for the quotation.

## Mandatory Specimen Collection (Combined Nasal and Throat Sample) and COVID-19 Test for All Inbound Passengers from

## **Mainland China/ Macao**

Starting from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021, all asymptomatic inbound passengers from Mainland China at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) will be subject to following procedures at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre Two (TSCC 2) at HKIA Satellite Concourse and Terminal 1.

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 2 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 Satellite Concourse
4	Combined nasal and throat sample collection at TSCC 2	HKIA Satellite Concourse
5	Wait for test result at TSCC 2	HKIA Satellite Concourse
6	Immigration and Customs clearance on hand-carry baggage	HKIA Terminal 1
7	Take passengers' own transport or transport arrange by HKBAC	HKIA Car Park 4

#### Reminders:

- All arrival passengers are required proceed to the TSCC for collection of nasal and throat samples immediately upon arrival.
- o Actual holding point of test result is subject to the decision of DH's Officer on site.
- Any persons who fail 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).
- Only hand carry baggage would be allowed to be carried along with the 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.
- HKBAC staff and security officer will escort passengers from the aircraft to the TSCC and Terminal 1.
   All incurred charge will be billed to aircraft invoice; you may contact our Customer Service team for the quotation.

## **Arrival Arrangement for All Inbound Crew**

i. Entering Local Community

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	Procedure	Location
1	Temperature checking upon disembarkation	НКВАС
2	Customs clearance on checked baggage	НКВАС
3	Health Checking by Port Health officer	HKIA Midfield /Satellite Concourse
4	Combined nasal and throat sample collection & Rapid Antigen Test (for crew who have travel history outside the Mainland or Macau)	HKIA Midfield/ Satellite Concourse
5	Wait for test result (subject to crew travel history)	HKIA Midfield/ Satellite Concourse
6	Immigration and Customs clearance on hand-carry baggage	HKIA Terminal 1
7	Take point-to-point transportation  (except local based crew who do not have travel history in places outside China/Macau)	HKIA Limousine Lounge or Coach Station 1/2

### ii. Not Entering Local Community (Closed -Loop arrangement)

	Procedure	Location
1	Board on a designated transport arranged by HKBAC	Planeside at Apron
2	Security Screening*	South Midfield Security Check Point
3	Health checking by Port Health officer, Immigration and Customs clearance on all baggage*	HKIA North Apron Passenger Vehicle Lounge
4	Board on the designated transport to airport hotel	HKIA North Apron Passenger Vehicle Lounge

<sup>\*</sup>Crew members are recommended to bring manageable amount and size of baggage as crew are required to self-handle checked and hand carry baggage during the screening process.

In regard of the latest testing and self-isolation arrangement for all air crew members, we would like to draw your immediate attention to remind all crew to strictly follow the conditions of self-isolation specified by the Department of Health.

**Non-local based crew/ Local based crew not entering community** are mandated by respective company policy and local ordinance to remain inside their respective assigned hotel guest room for self-isolation throughout their stay from arrival through departure. In-room dining is generally available as crew are not permitted to leave their guest room and use public areas/ restaurants.

Please be aware that under local law it is an offense to fail to observe any of the conditions specified in the Notification of Medical Surveillance, which includes the requirement to observe self-isolation. The hotel is required to report such violations to the airline and the responsible government department.