

Community testing centres (CTCs)
Persons of targeted groups eligible for free testing service
(1 to 31 January 2022)

Annex

(Testing of all targeted group persons must be done by using combined nasal and throat swabs collected by professionals)

Targeted group	Vaccination situation	Testing frequency	Condition for receiving free test
Staff of catering business / scheduled premises (see www.fehd.gov.hk/english/events/covid19/vaccine_bubble_FP.html)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Type B Mode of Operation ➤ Type D Mode of Operation ➤ Bars or pubs (Type 2) ➤ Reopened scheduled premises (Type 2)¹ 	Completed a vaccination course	Not required	-
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Every 7 days	To present relevant vaccination record to the CTC staff
	Not yet received the first dose	Every 7 days	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to make a declaration to the employer using specified form and present a medical certificate to both the employer and the CTC staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Type C Mode of Operation ➤ Bars or pubs (Type 1) ➤ Reopened scheduled premises (Type 1)² 	Received at least the first dose	Not required	-
	Not yet received the first dose	Every 7 days	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to make a declaration to the employer using specified form and present a medical certificate to both the employer and the CTC staff

¹ Namely party rooms (Type 2); clubs or nightclubs (Type 2); karaoke establishments (Type 2); and mahjong-tin kau premises (Type 2).

² Namely bathhouses; party rooms (Type 1); clubs or nightclubs (Type 1); karaoke establishments (Type 1); and mahjong-tin kau premises (Type 1).

Targeted group	Vaccination situation	Testing frequency	Condition for receiving free test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff of designated scheduled premises³ ➤ Staff of public and private swimming pools / beaches 	Completed a vaccination course	Not required	-
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Every 14 days	To present relevant vaccination record to the CTC staff
	Not yet received the first dose	Every 14 days / every 7 days ⁴	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to make a declaration to the employer using specified form and present a medical certificate to both the employer and the CTC staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Performers not wearing a mask in performance venues of places of public entertainment and event premises 	Completed a vaccination course	within 7 days prior to the first entry to the place and every 14 days thereafter	To present relevant vaccination record and proof as performer to the CTC staff
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	within 7 days prior to the first entry to the place and every 14 days thereafter	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to present a medical certificate and proof as performer to the CTC staff
	Not yet received the first dose	within 7 days prior to the first entry to the place and every 14 days thereafter	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to present a medical certificate and proof as performer to the CTC staff

³ Namely amusement game centre; fitness centre; place of amusement (billiard establishment, public bowling-alley, public skating rink); place of public entertainment (performance venue, theme park, museum, cinema, etc.); beauty parlour and massage establishment; sports premises (including indoor and outdoor venues); and event premises.

⁴ This item is only for staff of scheduled premises which are subject to the requirement about COVID-19 vaccination (if such premises operate under certain modes or capacities under the “vaccine bubble”), including fitness centre, public skating rink, place of public entertainment, clubhouse and hotel or guesthouse.

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Construction site personnel (implemented voluntarily by the construction industry) (see www.cic.hk/eng/main/regulartesting/)			
➤ Registered construction workers and other resident site personnel	Completed a vaccination course	Not required	-
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Every 14 days	To present relevant vaccination record and their construction worker registration card issued by the Construction Industry Council or a letter issued by their main contractor as an identity proof for them being the resident site personnel of the respective site to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet received the first dose	Every 14 days	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to present relevant medical certificate and their construction worker registration card issued by the Construction Industry Council or a letter issued by their main contractor as an identity proof for them being the resident site personnel of the respective site to the CTC staff for verification purpose

Targeted group	Vaccination situation	Testing frequency	Condition for receiving free test
Working staff of quarantine centres/hotels⁵, designated quarantine hotels (DQHs)⁶ / facilities (DQFs)⁷ and relevant designated transport			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Targeted group staff of quarantine centres/hotels ➤ Staff of designated transport to quarantine centres/hotels 	Completed a vaccination course	Every 2 days	To present relevant vaccination record and document proof stamped by Department of Health (DH) / Government Logistics Department (GLD), or Civil Aid Service (CAS) / Auxiliary Medical Service (AMS) card to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Daily	
	Not yet received the first dose	Daily	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff of DQHs / DQFs ➤ Staff of designated transport to DQHs / DQFs 	Completed a vaccination course	Every 2 days	To present relevant vaccination record and document proof stamped by the hotel or the designated transport contractor to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Daily	
	Not yet received the first dose	Daily	

⁵ Details at www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/quarantine_centre_en.pdf.

⁶ List of DQHs at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/designated-hotel-list.html, including DQHs for air crew.

⁷ DQFs for quarantine of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) coming to work in Hong Kong who have been fully vaccinated in regions where Hong Kong has reached a recognition agreement arrangement on their vaccination records.

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			verification purpose
Working staff accompanying and receiving local group tours			
➤ Tourist guides, tour escorts, staff seeing off the groups, drivers of chartered tour coaches and crew of chartered ferries, etc.	Received the first dose	Not required	-
	Not yet received the first dose	within 7 days prior to receiving the group tour	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to make a declaration to the licensee operating the tour using specified form and present a medical certificate to both the licensee and the CTC staff
Airport staff			
➤ Airport staff of targeted groups of very high exposure risks (i.e. those working in Orange Zone handling flights to/from places outside the Mainland) ⁸	Completed a vaccination course	Every 2 days	To present relevant vaccination record and permit for working in the airport to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course	Not applicable	Not applicable (mandated to receive two doses of vaccines with effect from September 30, no medical exemption accepted)
➤ Airport staff of targeted groups (i.e. those working in Green Zone handling Mainland flights) ⁹	Completed a vaccination course	Every 3 days	To present relevant vaccination record and permit for working in the airport to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course	Not applicable	Not applicable (mandated to receive two doses of vaccines with effect from September 30, no medical exemption accepted)

⁸ See persons specified by the Airport Authority Hong Kong as published on its webpage (www.hongkongairport.com/iwov-resources/file/home/targetedgroup1.pdf).

⁹ See persons specified by the Airport Authority Hong Kong as published on its webpage (www.hongkongairport.com/iwov-resources/file/home/targetedgroup2.pdf).

Targeted group	Vaccination situation	Testing frequency	Condition for receiving free test
➤ Airport staff not under targeted groups (i.e. Airport staff who need to enter the Airport Restricted Areas or have their usual place of work at Terminal 1 (not including the above Airport staff of targeted groups))	Completed a vaccination course	Every 14 days	To present relevant vaccination record and permit for working in the airport to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Every 3 days	To present relevant vaccination record and permit for working in the airport to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet received the first dose	Every 3 days	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons; required to present relevant medical certificate and permit for working in the airport to the CTC staff for verification purpose
Designated staff of container terminals and shipping services			
➤ Staff of container terminal and shipping services designated by the Transport and Housing Bureau (THB) in accordance with work nature	Completed a vaccination course	Every 3 days	To present relevant vaccination record and document proof stamped by THB to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Daily	
	Not yet received the first dose	Daily	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons; required to present relevant medical certificate and document proof stamped by THB to the CTC staff for verification purpose

Targeted group	Vaccination situation	Testing frequency	Condition for receiving free test
Designated cold store practitioners			
➤ Staff who need to enter warehouses storing food in the cold store areas, or handle cold cargo with physical contact or unloading or loading, etc	Completed a vaccination course	Every 3 days	To present relevant vaccination record and document proof stamped by cold store operator to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Daily	
	Not yet received the first dose	Daily	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons; required to present relevant medical certificate and document proof stamped by cold store operator to the CTC staff for verification purpose
Practitioners working at Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse			
➤ Workers of operator, importers, buyers and transportation companies, etc.	Not yet received the first dose or not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Every 7 days	To present valid document proof of identity issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to the CTC staff for verification purpose

School staff			
➤ Teaching and non-teaching staff directly employed by schools, persons who provide on-campus services, and persons who frequently visit school campuses ¹⁰	Received at least the first dose	Not required	-
	Not yet received the first dose	Every 3 days	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to present relevant medical certificate and registration form stamped by the school to the CTC staff for verification purpose
Working staff of CTCs and mobile specimen collection stations			
➤ Frontline staff including supervisors, swabbers, registration staff and reception staff	Completed a vaccination course	Every 3 days	To present relevant vaccination record and document proof stamped by testing employer to the CTC staff for verification purpose
	Not yet completed a vaccination course (i.e. received the first dose, or received the second dose but not yet passed 14 days)	Daily	
	Not yet received the first dose	Daily	Only applicable to staff who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons ; required to present relevant medical certificate and document proof stamped by testing employer to the CTC staff for verification purpose

Note:

- (i) When arriving at the CTCs at the designated time slot, eligible persons should present identity document used at the time of booking (such as Hong Kong identity card or passport) and the SMS booking confirmation.

¹⁰ Teaching staff include principals, teachers and teaching assistants. Non-teaching staff include school executive officers, assistant clerical officers/ clerical assistants, janitors, cooks, school bus drivers, school light bus drivers and escorts (commonly known as nannies), laboratory technicians, braille staff, teacher assistants, workshop attendants, artisans, social workers, educational psychologists, speech therapists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, nurses, wardens, the related grades of boarding section staff such as social work officers, social work assistants and welfare workers. Persons providing on-campus services include, for example, group instructors. Persons who frequently visit school campuses include, for example, volunteers.

- (ii) Starting from August 2, all government employees have been subject to the vaccination in lieu of regular testing (VRT) arrangement. With effect from September 1, save for those who are unfit to receive COVID-19 vaccination because of medical conditions supported by a medical certificate, all government employees (covering civil servants and full-time or part-time government employees appointed on non-civil service terms) who have not received their first dose of a vaccine should take the regular polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid tests for COVID-19 (PCR tests) at CTCs outside working hours and pay for these tests at their own expense.
- (iii) The Hospital Authority has made reference to the arrangement for government employees and announced that with effect from September 1, all staff members, except for those vaccinated or those who can present medical certificates, will have to undergo regular PCR tests outside working hours and at staff members' own expenses. To further minimise the risks of high exposure groups, with effect from December 14, healthcare staff handling COVID-19 cases in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre (HKICC) have to undergo PCR tests every two days. The HKICC has already set up testing stations to implement the relevant arrangements.
- (iv) In general, completing a COVID-19 vaccination course involves having received two doses of CoronaVac or Comirnaty vaccine at least 14 days ago. For staff members aged 17 or below and employed in compliance with the Employment Ordinance (Chapter 57) who have received one dose of Comirnaty vaccine at least 14 days ago are deemed to have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course.