

Community testing centres (CTCs)

Annex

Persons of targeted groups eligible for free COVID-19 nucleic acid testing service

(with effect from 1 May 2022)

(Regular compulsory 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 |
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| Staff of catering business / scheduled premises¹ | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff of catering business ➤ Staff of scheduled premises | 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"> ➤ 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 subsequent 14 days thereafter | To present relevant vaccination record and proof as performers 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) | | |

¹ In the light of the epidemic development in Hong Kong, the Government has implemented the first stage of adjustments to social distancing measures for catering businesses and scheduled premises operating under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Staff of relevant premises may refer to the latest announcements for the current operation conditions. See www.fehd.gov.hk/english/events/covid19/vaccine_bubble_FP.html for details. Staff of catering business / scheduled premises who had obtained a positive result in a nucleic acid test or rapid antigen test for COVID-19 in the past three months need not comply with the regular PCR test requirement.

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| | Not yet received the first dose | within 7 days prior to the first entry to the place and every subsequent 14 days thereafter | Only applicable to performers who are unfit to receive vaccination because of health reasons; required to present a medical certificate and proof as performers to the CTC staff |
| Construction site personnel (implemented voluntarily by the construction industry) ² | | | |
| ➤ 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 |

² Details at www.cic.hk/eng/main/regulartesting/.

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| Working staff of quarantine centres/hotels³, designated quarantine hotels (DQHs)⁴ / facilities (DQFs)⁵ 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 7 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 7 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 | |

³ Details at www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/quarantine_centre_en.pdf.

⁴ List of DQHs at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/designated-hotel-list.html, including DQHs for air crew.

⁵ 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 |
| Airport staff | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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) ⁶ ➤ Airport staff of targeted groups (i.e. those working in Green Zone handling Mainland flights) ⁷ | Completed a vaccination course | Every 7 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, 2021, no medical exemption accepted) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 |

⁶ See persons specified by the Airport Authority Hong Kong as published on its webpage (www.hongkongairport.com/iwov-resources/file/home/targetedgroup1.pdf).

⁷ See persons specified by the Airport Authority Hong Kong as published on its webpage (www.hongkongairport.com/iwov-resources/file/home/targetedgroup2.pdf).

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| 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 7 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 |
| 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 7 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 and Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouses | | | |
| ➤ Workers of operator, importers, buyers and transportation companies, etc. | Regardless of being vaccinated or not | Every 2 days | To present valid document proof of identity issued by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to the CTC staff for verification |

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| | | | 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 ⁸ | 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 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 7 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 |

⁸ 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.

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.
- (ii) Starting from August 2, 2021, all government employees have been subject to the vaccination in lieu of regular testing arrangement. With effect from September 1, 2021, 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 nucleic acid tests at CTCs outside working hours and pay for these tests at their own expense. Please refer to latest announcements by relevant policy bureau on the arrangement for Vaccine Pass applicable to government employees.
- (iii) The Hospital Authority (HA) has made reference to the arrangement for government employees and announced that with effect from September 1, 2021, all staff members, except for those vaccinated or those who can present medical certificates, will have to undergo regular nucleic acid tests outside working hours and at staff members' own expenses. To further minimise the risks of high exposure groups, with effect from December 14, 2021, healthcare staff handling COVID-19 cases in the North Lantau Hospital Hong Kong Infection Control Centre (HKICC) have to undergo nucleic acid tests every two days. The HKICC has already set up testing stations to implement the relevant arrangements. Please refer to latest announcements by the HA on the arrangement for Vaccine Pass applicable to HA staff.
- (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.