



「應對疫情指導及協調組」記者會

Press Conference of Anti-epidemic Command and Coordination Group

New quarantine arrangements for arrivals from overseas or Taiwan via the airport

Effective from August 12 (Friday)

- Originally: 7-day quarantine at Designated Quarantine Hotels
Now: **3-day quarantine at Designated Quarantine Hotels + 4-day medical surveillance** (at home or normal hotels)
- During the 4-day medical surveillance period, they can go out but are:
 - **not allowed to enter: scheduled premises under active checking of Vaccine Pass** (i.e. catering business premises (including bars or pubs), amusement game centres, bathhouses, fitness centres, places of amusement, indoor places of public entertainment, party rooms, beauty parlours, club houses, clubs or nightclubs, karaoke establishments, mahjong-tin kau premises, massage establishments, indoor sports premises, swimming pools, cruise ships, indoor event premises, barber shops or hair salons, religious premises, outdoor places of public entertainment, outdoor sports premises and outdoor event premises), **residential care homes for the elderly, residential care homes for persons with disabilities, schools, designated healthcare premises***
 - **not allowed to participate in mask-off activities**
 - **allowed to take public transportation, go to work, enter shopping malls, department stores and markets, provided that they have obtained negative results from Rapid Antigen Tests daily**
- They are required to fulfil the Polymerase Chain Reaction-based nucleic acid test requirements. Those tested positive will be given a **Red Code** and forbidden to leave their isolation sites; those not tested positive will be given an **Amber Code** for containing their activities during medical surveillance. The red/amber codes will automatically turn into the normal **Blue Code** upon the lifting of restrictions. The red/amber/blue codes will be displayed on the “LeaveHomeSafe” mobile app

* Those going to work/school or seeking medical consultation are allowed entry; visitors and customers are not allowed.

Government anti-epidemic policy

1. Not “lying flat”. Control number of confirmed cases

- Number of confirmed case patients with hospitalisation need keeps rising in terms of proportion
- Hospital non-emergency services reduced as a result, while services including surgeries, treatments for patients with chronic illnesses have to be postponed

2. Identify people with different risk levels by scientific precision

- To reduce number of people and areas placed under control and to allow maximum numbers of daily activities and participants

3. Balance risks and economic impetus

- To safeguard the livelihood of the public and Hong Kong’s competitiveness, striving to provide the community with the strongest impetus and economic vibrancy on the premise of proper risk management

4. Reduce critical cases and deaths

5. Protect high-risk people, including the elderly and children, and people with chronic illnesses

- Hong Kong logs the world’s highest life expectancies with a high proportion of elderly population
 - 95% of death cases involved those aged 60 or above; nearly 60% of people aged 80 or above have not completed three doses of vaccination
- Low vaccination rate among children aged below 12
 - Only 62% of children have completed two doses of vaccination while vaccination for young children aged 6 months to 3 years has just started