

**Exemption conditions applicable to exempted persons other than air crew & sea crew  
arriving from HKIA**  
(with effect from 16 May 2021)

Each exempted person (other than air crew & sea crew) must comply with the following conditions:

**Testing requirements**

*Pre-departure Test*

- 1 For those who have stayed<sup>i</sup> in **extremely or very high risk places specified in Group A1 or A2** during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong, **or high risk places specified in Group B under Cap. 599H** during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong, they **must possess a negative result of SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test** done at an ISO15189-accredited laboratory or a laboratory recognised by the Government where the laboratory is located with the specimen collected **within 48 hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the flight to Hong Kong**<sup>ii</sup>.

*Arrival Test*

- 2 **All exempted persons arriving Hong Kong** must take a **SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test** at the DH's Temporary Specimen Collection Centre ("TSCC") and **wait for the results there** or any other location as designated by DH<sup>iii</sup> ("**test and hold**") upon arrival at HKIA.

*Post-arrival Test*

- 3 **All exempted persons** must be subject to the respective regular post-arrival testing requirements as set out in Clauses 4 to 7 below following their arrival in Hong Kong (or until departure from Hong Kong, whichever is earlier). They must report to respective organisation after submitting the specimen on respective days.
- 4 For those who have stayed in **extremely or very high risk places specified in Group A1 or A2 under Cap. 599H** during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:
  - (a) For those who are subject to **self-isolation at the designated quarantine hotel**<sup>iv</sup>, they must be subject to the prevailing **SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test requirement applicable to persons staying at the designated quarantine hotel**. After leaving the designated quarantine hotel, **they must also be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19** on the 16<sup>th</sup> (where applicable), 19<sup>th</sup> (where applicable) and 26<sup>th</sup> day following their arrival in Hong Kong.
  - (b) For those who are not subject to self-isolation at the designated quarantine hotel, they must be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 on the **3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> day** following their arrival in Hong Kong.
- 5 For those who have stayed in **high or medium risk places specified in Group B or C** (and have not stayed in Group A1, A2 specified places during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong) **under Cap. 599H** during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:
  - (a) For those who are subject to **self-isolation at the designated quarantine hotel**<sup>iv</sup>, they must be subject to the prevailing **SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test requirement applicable to persons staying at the designated quarantine hotel**. After leaving the designated quarantine hotel, **they must also be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19** on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> day following their arrival in Hong Kong.

- (b) For those who are not subject to self-isolation at the designated quarantine hotel, they must be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 on the **3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> day** following their arrival in Hong Kong.
- 6 For those who have stayed in **low risk places specified in Group D or Taiwan, China** (and have not stayed in Group A1, A2 specified places during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong; or Group B, C specified places during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong) **under Cap. 599H** during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:
- (a) For those who are subject to **self-isolation at the designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup>**, they must be subject to the prevailing **SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test requirement applicable to persons staying at the designated quarantine hotel**. After leaving the designated quarantine hotel, **they must also be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19** on the 12<sup>th</sup>(where applicable), (and 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> day for those who have not completed a COVID-19 vaccination course<sup>v</sup>) following their arrival in Hong Kong.
- (b) For those who are not subject to self-isolation at the designated quarantine hotel, they must be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 on the **3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> day** (and 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> day for those who have not completed a COVID-19 vaccination course<sup>v</sup>) following their arrival in Hong Kong.
- 7 For those who have stayed in **Mainland or Macau** (and have not stayed in Group A1, A2 specified places during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong; or Group B, C, D specified places or Taiwan, China during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong) during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:
- (a) they must be subject to polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 on the **12<sup>th</sup> day** following their arrival in Hong Kong.

### **Point-to-point transportation requirement**

- 8 **Point-to-point transportation<sup>1</sup>** must be arranged between the HKIA and their accommodation; and between their accommodation and the venue of their designated activities as specified in the exemption application during their respective surveillance period. Use of public transport including MTR, airport shuttle train and taxi for transfer is prohibited. Exempted persons must only use the **designated channel** for exempted persons other than air crew within the HKIA to arrive at the designated pick-up points. They should wear masks during the entire transportation journey.

### **Self-isolation requirement**

- 9 For exempted persons who have stayed in **extremely or very high risk places specified in Group A1 or A2 under Cap. 599H** during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong;
- (a) For government officials carrying out governmental duties<sup>vi</sup> who have a completed COVID-19 vaccination course<sup>v</sup>, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at an accommodation arranged by the respective organisation for 14 days upon arrival. If they choose to self-isolate at a hotel, they must only self-isolate at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup>.
- (b) For other exempted persons who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course<sup>v</sup>, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup> for 14 days upon arrival except for permitted activities as designated in the exemption and so endorsed by their respective supporting organisation.
- (c) For those exempted persons (including ALL government officials carrying out governmental duties) who have **NOT** completed a COVID-19 vaccination course, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup> for 21 days upon arrival.

<sup>1</sup> For those who are subject to the self-isolation at designated quarantine hotel, they may use transportation designated by the Government to the designated quarantine hotels direct from HKIA.

- 10 For government officials carrying out governmental duties<sup>vi</sup> who have stayed in **high or medium risk places specified in Group B or C** (and have not stayed in Group A1, A2 specified places during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong) **under Cap. 599H** during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:
- (a) For government officials carrying out governmental duties<sup>vi</sup> who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course<sup>v</sup>, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at an accommodation arranged by the respective organisation for 14 days upon arrival. If they choose to self-isolate at a hotel, they must only self-isolate at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup>.
  - (b) For those government officials carrying out governmental duties<sup>vi</sup> who have **NOT** completed a COVID-19 vaccination course, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at an accommodation arranged by the respective organisation for 21 days upon arrival. If they choose to self-isolate at a hotel, they must only self-isolate at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup>.
- 11 For government officials carrying out governmental duties<sup>vi</sup> who have stayed in **low risk places specified in Group D or Taiwan, China under Cap. 599H** (and have not stayed in Group A1, A2 specified places during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong; or Group B, C specified places during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong) during the 14 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong:
- (a) For those who have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course<sup>v</sup>, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at an accommodation arranged by the respective organisation for 7 days upon arrival. If they choose to self-isolate at a hotel, they must only self-isolate at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup>.
  - (b) For those who have **NOT** completed a COVID-19 vaccination course, they must be subject to **self-isolation** at an accommodation arranged by the respective organisation for 14 days upon arrival. If they choose to self-isolate at a hotel, they must only self-isolate at a designated quarantine hotel<sup>iv</sup>.

### **Medical Surveillance**<sup>vii</sup>

- 12 During the medical surveillance period, the scope of activity of the exempted person in Hong Kong is only **limited to the purpose as designated in the exemption**.
- 13 They must take every precautionary measure to **ensure personal hygiene** and **avoid unnecessary social contact** whilst in Hong Kong.

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<sup>i</sup> The word “stayed” in this document has the meaning given by section 3 of Cap. 599C/Cap. 599E.

<sup>ii</sup> For those who do not possess a pre-departure negative result AND have stayed in extremely or very high risk places specified in Group A1 or A2, or high risk places specified in Group B under Cap. 599H: failed exemption condition, subject to compulsory quarantine at a designated quarantine hotel for 21 days upon arrival.

<sup>iii</sup> It includes Government VIP Lounge (for certain eligible exempted persons).

<sup>iv</sup> Means any Designated Quarantine Hotels as published on the Government’s thematic webpage on Designated Hotels for Quarantine ([www.designatedhotel.gov.hk](http://www.designatedhotel.gov.hk))

<sup>v</sup> A person is deemed to have “completed a COVID-19 vaccination course” if he/she arrives at Hong Kong on or after the 14<sup>th</sup> day after completing vaccination in manners stipulated as follows –

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- (i) For both the Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine (CoronaVac vaccine) and Fosun Pharma/BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (Comirnaty vaccine), completing the vaccination course involves receiving two doses in general. For persons previously infected with COVID-19, they may be deemed to have completed the COVID-19 vaccination course after receiving one dose of CoronaVac vaccine or one dose of Comirnaty vaccine.
  - (ii) For individuals who received COVID-19 vaccines in places outside of Hong Kong and have received the recommended doses as stipulated in relevant guidelines, they will also be regarded to have completed the vaccination course of the relevant COVID-19 vaccine subject to the vaccine used being included on the list of vaccines recognised for this purpose as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website.

For those who arrive at Hong Kong after they have completed a COVID-19 vaccination course, they must provide the vaccination record or a written confirmation in English or Chinese issued by a healthcare institution or a relevant authority of the government of the place where the vaccine was administered, bearing the name of the relevant vaccinated person identical to that in his/her valid travel document to show that (i) the relevant vaccinated person received the dose(s) of vaccination(s) against COVID-19 and the date(s) on which the dose(s) was/were administered; and (ii) the name of the vaccine administered which must be included on the list of vaccines recognised for this purpose as published on the Government's COVID-19 thematic website.

- vi Chief Executive, Director of the Chief Executive's Office and Principal Officials of the HKSAR, Consul General of the Consulate Generals and Head of Office of the Central People's Government in Hong Kong and the six ORBs are exempted. The rest of the officers may apply to CS for exemption from the self-isolation requirement on a case-by-case basis subject to full justifications.
- vii The medical surveillance period for exempted persons having stayed in respective specified places under Cap. 599H or China during the 21 days prior to arrival in Hong Kong are detailed below:
  - (a) Group A1 or A2 specified places: **21 Days**
  - (b) Group B or C specified places:
    - (i) Completed vaccination as defined in Footnote v : **14 Days**
    - (ii) Have **NOT** completed vaccination: **21 Days**
  - (c) Group D specified places or Mainland, Taiwan or Macau:
    - (i) Completed vaccination as defined in Footnote v : **14 Days**
    - (ii) Have **NOT** completed vaccination: **14 Days**