

Holding Centre for Test Result

The Government has set up a Holding Centre for Test Result (HCTR) to accommodate asymptomatic inbound travellers arriving at the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) who need to wait for COVID-19 test results. The currently operating HCTR is as follows:

	Holding Centre for Test Result	Address
1.	Dorsett Tsuen Wan	28 Kin Chuen Street, Kwai Chung, Kowloon

Starting from April 22, all asymptomatic inbound travellers arriving at the HKIA will be mandated to wait for COVID-19 test results at a designated location after collecting their deep throat saliva samples at the Temporary Specimen Collection Centre at the AsiaWorld-Expo (TSCC). Depending on the arrival time of flights and taking into consideration factors including infection control and crowd control as well as testing time, the Department of Health (DH) will arrange those asymptomatic inbound travellers who need to wait for test results overnight to be temporarily accommodated in the HCTR set up by the DH.

Passengers arriving by flights in early mornings and later mornings will stay at the TSCC to wait for test results after collecting their deep throat saliva samples there. They will receive the test results on the same day. As the test results for passengers arriving in afternoons or at nights will not be available on the same day, they will be taken to the DH HCTR by coaches arranged by the DH to wait for their test results (Remark).

The DH will issue quarantine orders to all passengers arriving at the HKIA. The relevant government department will also arrange electronic wristbands for them. According to quarantine orders, those staying at the DH HCTR shall not leave their hotel rooms nor move around in the hotel. Leaving designated rooms will be regarded as a breach of the quarantine order and constitutes a criminal offence. Offenders are subject to a maximum imprisonment for six months and fine of \$25,000.

The DH HCTR is equipped with basic security services to ensure the above persons are safe and cannot leave without permission. The hotel will provide basic catering services during the accommodation period. In general, the relevant passengers will only stay in the hotel for one night and will be arranged to leave in an orderly manner on the next day when their test results are available. If their test results are negative, they will be allowed to leave the hotel and go home or to a designated place immediately to continue completion of the 14-day compulsory quarantine. Confirmed cases and their close contacts will respectively be arranged for admission to hospital and sent to designated quarantine centres by ambulance and vehicles arranged by the Government direct. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will conduct thorough cleansings and disinfections at hotel rooms where confirmed cases stayed.

All passengers waiting for test results at the hotel are asymptomatic when leaving the TSCC. Before the passengers tested negative, all inbound travellers will be arranged to take Government coaches to check in to the hotel directly. Thus, this arrangement would not introduce additional risk to the local community regarding where the hotel is situated.

Remark:

However, the Department of Health will make flexible arrangements according to its capacity and the daily number of passengers arriving on afternoon flights. If necessary, inbound

travellers arriving in the afternoon could also be arranged to wait for test results at the TSCC. If the day's number of inbound travellers is expected to exceed the capacity of the two aforementioned centres, the Department of Health will adopt a triage measure based on risk assessment. Passengers arriving from areas with lower risk will proceed to the designated place for the 14-day compulsory quarantine after collecting their deep throat saliva samples at the TSCC. If their test result is positive, the Department of Health will arrange to send them to a hospital for treatment as soon as possible and arrange to send their close contacts to a quarantine centre.