

Government tightens boarding and quarantine requirements for places with Omicron cases detected

The Government announced today (December 14) that in view of the latest global developments of the COVID-19 pandemic situation, Bahrain, Bermuda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gibraltar, Hungary, Oman and the Slovak Republic will be specified as Group A specified places from 0.00am on December 17 to tighten the boarding and quarantine requirements for relevant inbound travellers.

As a preventive measure and with reference to the relevant risks, the Government will specify overseas places which have detected Omicron cases as Group A specified places. Noting that the detection of Omicron cases was confirmed in Bahrain, Bermuda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gibraltar, Hungary, Oman and the Slovak Republic, the Government will specify them as Group A specified places from 0.00am on December 17. Non-Hong Kong residents who have stayed there within 21 days will not be allowed to enter Hong Kong. Hong Kong residents can only board a flight for Hong Kong if they have been fully vaccinated and hold a recognised vaccination record. They will have to undergo compulsory quarantine in a designated quarantine hotel for 21 days upon returning to Hong Kong, with six tests to be conducted during quarantine, followed by compulsory testing in a community testing centre on the 26th day of arrival in Hong Kong.

Details on the relevant boarding and compulsory quarantine requirements for respective specified places can be found at www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html.

The Government will gazette the relevant updated specifications under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation (Cap. 599H) to effect the above measures.