

Members of public to pay attention to new requirement regarding presentation of hotel reservation confirmation for persons travelling to Shenzhen from Hong Kong via Shenzhen Bay Port

Regarding the announcement made by the Shenzhen Municipal Government today (December 29) that, with effect from January 5, 2021, persons entering Shenzhen from Hong Kong via the Shenzhen Bay Port are required to present a hotel reservation confirmation for the 14-day period of centralised quarantine and medical surveillance, in addition to a valid proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result issued within 24 hours. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) urges members of the public to pay attention and ensure that they meet the relevant requirements to avoid hiccups when entering Shenzhen.

The new requirement by the Shenzhen Municipal Government is to strengthen the joint epidemic prevention and control efforts between Guangdong (GD) and Hong Kong, maintain order of the clearing process and ensure the safety and health conditions of persons using the Shenzhen Bay Port. Starting from 10am on January 5, 2021, save for persons who have been granted approval for exemption from quarantine arrangement for performing essential official and business duties and cross-boundary goods vehicle drivers who would continue to be subject to the prevailing arrangements applicable to them, all other persons who are entering Shenzhen via the Shenzhen Bay Port would be required to present a valid proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result issued within 24 hours by one of the testing institutions recognised by the GD and the HKSAR Government, as well as a hotel reservation confirmation for the 14-day period of centralised quarantine and medical surveillance after their entry into Shenzhen.

A Government spokesman said, "members of the public who intend to travel from Hong Kong to Shenzhen via the Shenzhen Bay Port must make hotel reservation for the 14-day period of centralised quarantine and medical surveillance in advance through the Shenzhen Municipal Government quarantine hotel online reservation system for inbound passengers: <https://hk.sz.gov.cn> (Chinese only); The reservation system will go online on December 30 at 10 am. Before departure, they should have the hotel reservation confirmation, and the valid proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result meeting the requirement of the GD Provincial Government ready, otherwise they will be refused entry into Shenzhen. If they are unable to enter Shenzhen and have to re-enter Hong Kong, they may be subject to compulsory quarantine for 14 days pursuant to the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C). Members of the public should pay particular attention."

The user guide of the Shenzhen's quarantine hotel online reservation system for inbound passengers will be available at <https://hk.sz.gov.cn/help.pdf> (Chinese only). The designated COVID-19 testing institutions recognised by the HKSAR Government has been posted on the "COVID-19 Thematic Website" : www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories.pdf.

In view of the severe epidemic situation, the Government spokesman calls on members of the public to avoid going out, having social contact and dining out. They should put on a surgical mask and maintain stringent hand hygiene if they need to go out. Given that the situation of COVID-19 infection remains severe and that there is a continuous increase in the number of cases reported around the world, members of the public are strongly urged to avoid all non-essential travel outside Hong Kong.