

Members of the public to pay attention to Beijing's adjustment of prevention and control measures for persons travelling to Beijing from Hong Kong

The Beijing Municipal Government recently announced that the COVID-19 nucleic acid test requirement for persons entering Beijing from Hong Kong would be adjusted with effect from January 27. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) today (January 25) urged members of the public to pay attention and ensure that they can meet the requirement when travelling to Beijing to avoid hiccups when crossing the border.

The updated requirement on the COVID-19 nucleic acid test set by the Beijing Municipal Government stated that, starting from midnight on January 27, all persons travelling from Hong Kong to Beijing by direct flights would be required to present valid proof of a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result issued within seven days (from the time when the report is issued) by one of the local COVID-19 nucleic acid testing institutions recognised by the HKSAR Government. The cover of the test report should include, in Chinese and English, the name and identification number of the traveller, method and time of the test specimen collection, the test result, time of issuance of the report and the signature of the reporting officer (collectively called the "standardised cover information"). Airlines will check the relevant documents before boarding. Travellers who fail to comply with the requirements will not be allowed to board the plane. After entering Beijing, travellers must follow local prevention and control measures policies strictly.

The Government spokesman said, "Before departure to Beijing, members of the public should pay attention to the latest prevention and control measures policies of Beijing in advance. They should also take the COVID-19 nucleic acid test at the testing institutions recognised by the HKSAR Government on time, request for a negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result with the standardised cover information, and cooperate with airlines on the checking of the test results before boarding."

The designated testing institutions recognised by the HKSAR Government have been posted on the "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/List_of_recognised_laboratories.pdf).