

Over 2 140 people returned to Hong Kong on first day of implementation of Return2hk Scheme

"Return2hk – Travel Scheme for Hong Kong Residents returning from Guangdong Province or Macao without being subject to quarantine under the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599C)" (Return2hk Scheme) commenced today (November 23). Up to 6pm, a total of about 2 140 people returned to Hong Kong under the Scheme, of which around 1 810 people returned through the Shenzhen Bay Port while around 330 people made use of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Port to return.

A Government spokesman said, "Many Hong Kong residents with a quota have, before their entry into Hong Kong, obtained a 'Green' QR code by transmitting the negative nucleic test result to the electronic health declaration system of the Department of Health through 'Yuekang code' (ç²µåº·çç¼¼) or 'Macao health code' (æ³³åº·çç¼¼). They could use the dedicated channel at the boundary control point and the clearance process was smooth."

"To expedite the clearance process, reduce waiting time and avoid network connection problems at the boundary control points, Hong Kong residents who intend to return to Hong Kong under the Return2hk Scheme are strongly advised to, apart from returning on the date and at the boundary control point as specified in their booking, complete the code conversion process through 'Yuekang code' (ç²µåº·çç¼¼) or 'Macao health code' (æ³³åº·çç¼¼) within 24 hours before setting off to obtain a 'Green' QR code. They would then be exempted from the compulsory quarantine requirement upon their entry into Hong Kong."

"If the code conversion process generates QR code of a different colour (e.g. a 'Pink' QR code), it means the traveller has yet to fulfil all the specified conditions, and he/she may still be subject to the 14-day compulsory quarantine requirement upon entry into Hong Kong."

The Government has produced user guides on "code conversion" for the easy reference of returning Hong Kong residents. They are available at the links below:

Transmission of the valid negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result to the electronic health declaration system of the Department of Health through "Yuekang code" (ç²µåº·çç¼¼):

Video (in Chinese only): youtu.be/ccq9-3FzDr8

PDF version (English

version): www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/Return2hk_Code_Conversion_Use_Guide_en.pdf

Transmission of the valid negative COVID-19 nucleic acid test result to the electronic health declaration system of the Department of Health through "Macao health code" (澳門健康碼)

PDF version (English

version): www.coronavirus.gov.hk/pdf/Return2hk_Code_Conversion_Use_Guide_en.pdf

Hong Kong residents who have successfully reserved a quota should return to Hong Kong on the date and at the boundary control point as specified in the booking, and bring along their Hong Kong Identity Card or other identification documents, the confirmation of a successful booking (i.e. a printout of the booking confirmation page) as well as the proof of a valid negative nucleic acid test result (paper or electronic copy are both acceptable).

Re-entry into Guangdong Province or Macao

The Government spokesman specifically reminded that, if returning Hong Kong residents would subsequently enter the Guangdong Province or Macao again, they would still be subject to the prevailing quarantine arrangement of the two places (e.g. 14-day compulsory quarantine), unless exemption has been granted for them separately. They should therefore take note of the latest quarantine arrangements of Guangdong Province and Macao, and make necessary preparations.

Self-monitoring of health conditions after returning Hong Kong

The spokesman stressed that Hong Kong residents who can fulfil all the specified conditions and are returning to Hong Kong under the Return2hk Scheme should still exercise self-monitoring of their health conditions for at least 14 days after their entry into Hong Kong. They should observe the points listed in the "Health-monitoring Checklist for Inbound Travellers". If they feel unwell, they should seek medical advice promptly and reveal their travel history to medical practitioners. They may proactively make a request to their doctor for testing when there is any suspicion.

Details about the Return2hk Scheme are available at the "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (return2hk.gov.hk or www.gov.hk/return2hk). Members of the public may also call the Return2hk Scheme hotline at 3142 2330 for enquiries.