

Return2hk Scheme – matters relating to list of temporarily inapplicable at-risk places in Mainland

A Government spokesman said today (June 6) that the list of at-risk places that are temporarily inapplicable under the Return2hk Scheme (list of at-risk areas) will be further adjusted.

Currently, when an area in the Mainland is listed as a medium-risk area or high-risk area by the National Health Commission (NHC), that area will be correspondingly listed in the Return2hk Scheme's list of at-risk areas.

To further enhance the risk management under the Return2hk Scheme, when the Government updates the list of at-risk areas, apart from including the medium or high-risk areas as listed by the NHC in accordance with the relevant epidemic situation in the Mainland, reference will also be made to the confirmed and infected cases as notified by the Mainland and Macao health authorities, as well as information officially announced by the relevant authorities. Meanwhile, to ensure the smooth implementation of the list of at-risk areas at boundary control points, sub-district will be adopted as the smallest unit when listing the relevant areas on the list, and no further classification by individual buildings or phases within the sub-districts will be made.

In accordance with the requirements under the Return2hk Scheme, Hong Kong residents who have stayed in any area in the Mainland that is included on the list of at-risk areas on the day of arrival at Hong Kong or during the 14 days before that day will not be exempted from compulsory quarantine under the Return2hk Scheme upon their entry into Hong Kong, and will have to undergo a 14-day compulsory quarantine at home.

"We have also noted that Guangzhou has announced the stringent implementation of their control requirements, so as to ensure that persons who have stayed in medium or high-risk areas will not be able to leave the areas. The public are also urged not to leave Guangzhou unless necessary. Meanwhile, those who have to leave Guangzhou will be required from noon on June 7 to hold a proof of negative nucleic acid test result obtained within 48 hours," the Government spokesman added.

The Government will continue to maintain close communication and liaison with the Mainland and Macao authorities on epidemic prevention and control measures of the three places, and adjust when appropriate the list of at-risk areas that are inapplicable under the Scheme based on risk assessment and with reference to the epidemic developments locally and in the Mainland. Hong Kong residents intending to return to Hong Kong under the Return2hk Scheme should check in advance the risk areas as published on the Government website, and avoid staying in the proximity of areas listed by the Mainland

as medium-risk area or high-risk area.

Details of the Return2hk Scheme are available at the "COVID-19 Thematic Website" (return2hk.gov.hk or www.gov.hk).