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【預防新型冠狀病毒肺炎 - 重點工作人群新型冠狀病毒核酸定期檢測指引】

常見問題集

Frequently Asked Questions about “Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Guideline on Regular SARS-CoV-2 Nucleic Acid Testing of Target Worker Populations”



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I. Purpose of the Guideline and Basis of Implementation

1.1 What is the purpose of the “Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Guideline on Regular SARS-CoV-2 Nucleic Acid Testing of Target Worker Populations” (hereinafter referred to as the “Guideline”) issued by the Health Bureau?

In response to continuous emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants, the disease has become more contagious and is widely prevalent around the globe, taking reference from the advice of the National Health Commission’s expert team that had visited Macao earlier, in order to detect infected persons at an earlier stage for early identification, early isolation and minimizing risk of community transmission through regular testing of target worker populations, the Health Bureau issued the “Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Guideline on Regular SARS-CoV-2 Nucleic Acid Testing of Target Worker Populations” in accordance with the stipulations in article 5 of Law no. 2/2004 - “Law on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases”.

1.2 What are the legal bases of the Guideline?

The Guideline was published by the Health Bureau in accordance with the stipulations in article 5 of Law no. 2/2004 - “Law on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases”. The Guideline shall be executed by relevant individuals and public/private entities under the supervision of their supervisory entities. Under article 3 (Obligation to cooperate) of Law no. 2/2004, to achieve the target of prevention, control and treatment of infectious diseases, individuals and public/private entities are obligated to closely cooperate with their supervisory entities, and comply with the orders and guidelines issued by their supervisory entities.



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II. Applicable Population Groups of the Guideline

2.1 Who are the target worker populations?

Target worker populations refer to population groups that are at increased risk of contracting COVID-19 in their daily work. These include:

1. **Cold chain-related personnel**: See more details in “Prevent Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Prevention and Control Guidelines for Cold Chain Food-Related Industries”.
2. **Workers of boundary control points** who are in contact with persons or goods arriving from outside Macao: Different testing frequencies apply to different level of risk, depending on the origin of the persons or goods they are exposed to.
3. **Workers whose job involves contact with persons or goods coming from outside Macao:**

3.1 Ports:

3.1.1 Cross-boundary transportation personnel: Transportation personnel travelling to and from the Mainland, including crew members of airlines and other personnel providing cross-boundary transportation as required or permitted by the Health Bureau.

3.1.2 Staff who need to handle imported goods at the ports.

3.2 Community:

3.2.1 Staff of suppliers and supermarket industry who need to handle or come into contact with the goods.

3.2.2 Staff who need to come into contact with mail and packages, including those who collect online shopping shipments on customers’ behalf.

4. **Staff of medical observation hotels or other centralized isolation facilities:** See more details in “Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Guidelines on the Management and Protection of Workers at Medical Observation Facilities”.
5. **Health workers:** See more details in “Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Guideline on Regular SARS-CoV-2 Testing of Health Workers”.
6. **Workers in the courier and delivery services industry:** Please refer to “Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Management Advice for Courier and Delivery Industry” for details.



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7. Members of the Police, Fire Services Bureau, Customs, Correctional Service Bureau, etc. who have been in contact with a positive COVID-19 case.
8. Staff of correctional departments who need to come into contact with prisoners.
9. Workers of residential homes for the elderly or people with disabilities.
10. Target working groups who are deemed necessary to undergo routine nucleic acid testing after evaluation.

2.2 Who in the cold chain industry are required to receive periodic nucleic acid testing?

All practitioners who have the potential to **handle or be directly exposed to** cold-chain food, including their packages, that are processed by chilling or freezing and are kept at a low temperature from factory to store (including the processes of production, loading and unloading, transportation, storage and sale, etc.); see more details in “Prevent Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia – Prevention and Control Guidelines for Cold Chain Food-Related Industries”.

2.3 Are goods acceptance, cleaning and security staff at border control points classified as target worker populations?

Anyone who works at a border control point and has the potential to **come into contact** with **persons or goods** from various risk areas are classified as part of the target worker populations.

2.4 Are eatery workers who help in delivering orders classified as target worker populations?

No, eatery workers who help in delivering orders are not classified as target worker populations and therefore are not required to undergo periodic testing.



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III. Implementation

3.1 How to establish the list of target worker populations?

The list of target worker populations should be made by the workers’ department or institution according to their specific job content, workflow, scope of work, job location and risks. This technical guideline is without prejudice to any more concrete or stringent orders/guidelines set out by relevant supervisory entities in light of the actual circumstances.

3.2 How to book a nucleic acid test?

- First, the workers must be included in the nucleic acid test booking system by the Health Bureau. This will be done **AFTER the Health Bureau receives the list of target worker populations from the respective supervisory entities.**
- Then, the workers can **reserve the time and place of their NAT test** through the following link:



<https://app.ssm.gov.mo/bcprnabook>

3.3 How is the periodic testing of target worker populations monitored?

- All supervisory entities should take proper means to monitor and ensure relevant workers have taken the test regularly.
- The Health Bureau may, on a regular basis, feed the test results (including tests performed



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in Macao and Guangdong Province) of the listed individuals back to the supervisory entities in a particular manner.

3.4 Requirements, fees and policy of nucleic acid testing of target worker populations

Category of targeted populations		SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid testing policy		
COVID-19 vaccination	Vaccination exemption certificate	Compulsory testing	Testing fees	Upload of testing result
Completed*	--	Yes	Free	Yes
Unvaccinated	No	Yes	Free	No
Unvaccinated or incomplete vaccination	Yes	Yes	At their own expense or paid by their employers	Yes

* Completion of the primary vaccination series (at least 14 days after completion of 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine); persons who have vaccinated outside Macao are required to register at a local vaccination station (their vaccination record will be displayed on the Macao Health Code after successful registration).