



香港旅遊業議會
TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL
OF HONG KONG

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Dear Members

**Details of free Covid-testing for
Tourist Guide Pass and Tour Escort Pass holders**

To assist members in ensuring that those Tourist Guide Pass (TGP) and Tour Escort Pass (TEP) holders assigned by them to receive local group tours under the conditional exemption will receive Covid-19 testing, the Government will fully subsidise TGP and TEP holders to receive such testing once. The TIC has appointed the Hong Kong Molecular Pathology Diagnostic Centre (HKMPDC) according to established procedures to provide the testing services.

Holders of valid TGPs and TEPs may receive free Covid-19 testing once ^{Note 1} by following the steps, dates and procedures stated below:

- ◆ **Step 1 (from 5pm, 29 October to 3 November)**
Visit the online platform (<https://hkmpdc.com.hk/tic/covid-test>) of HKMPDC to register.
- ◆ **Step 2 (30 October to 3 November; 9am to 6pm)**
Bring along the valid TGP or TEP and show the confirmation code sent to the mobile phone during registration to pick up a specimen bottle at the designated places ^{Note 2}.
- ◆ **Step 3 (30 October to 4 November; 9am to 6pm)**
Return the specimen bottle with deep throat saliva inside to the designated places ^{Note 2}.
- ◆ **Step 4**
At around 2pm the following day after the specimen bottle is returned, HKMPDC will directly notify the person concerned of the test result by SMS. ^{Note 3}

Note 1: Those who hold a valid TGP and TEP are also eligible to receive the free testing only once. Nevertheless, if the test results are invalid, the persons concerned may receive the free testing one more time.

Note 2: The designated places for pickup and return of specimen bottles are listed below:



1. Sheung Wan (Address: 27/F, Strand 50, 50 Bonham Strand, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong);
2. Tsim Sha Tsui (Address: Room 1401, Kai Seng Commercial Centre, 4-6 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon); and
3. Shatin (Address: 5C, G/F, Hilton Plaza, 3-9 Sha Tin Centre St., Shatin, N.T.).

Note 3: Since the TIC will not be notified of any test results, the persons concerned are advised to retain their results for future proof when necessary.

Members are advised to inform those tourist guides and tour escorts to be assigned to receive local tour groups of the content of this circular and ask them to pay attention to the steps, dates and procedures mentioned above.

For enquiries, please contact HKMPDC directly on 2357 0187 (online registration) and 2986 1272 / 2986 1270 (Covid-19 testing).

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely
TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alice Chan', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Alice Chan (Mrs)
Executive Director

Encl.: Information sheet on deep throat saliva collection



Hospital Authority Patient Information Sheet on Deep Throat Saliva Collection



Scan QR code for the demonstration video

Time of specimen collection: After getting up and before brushing teeth, eating or drinking

Steps:



1. Prepare the items, including one specimen bottle and two specimen bags provided by AED / GOPC, and tissue



2. Perform hand hygiene with soap and water / alcohol-based hand rub



3. Check whether the personal details printed on the specimen bottle are correct



4. Open the specimen bottle and specimen bags



5. Make the noise of "Kruuuua" from the throat to clear saliva from deep throat



6. Remove surgical mask and spit saliva (about 4 ml) into the bottle. Avoid saliva contaminate the outer surface of the bottle.

(Repeat the previous step if the saliva volume is too little to fill up the bottom of the bottle)



7. Put on surgical mask



8. Close the lid of specimen bottle tightly to **ensure no leakage of saliva**



9. Clean the bottle surface with tissue



10. Put the bottle into specimen bag and then the 2nd bag. Keep the bottle upright all the time. Clean hands afterwards.