

Quarantine Arrangements for Inbound Foreign Domestic Helpers (Updated on 11 May 2022)

Foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) who have been fully vaccinated and hold [recognised vaccination records](#) may come to work in Hong Kong. They have to undergo compulsory quarantine at a **designated quarantine hotel (DQH)** or a **hotel for quarantine of FDHs upon their arrival in Hong Kong**.

FDHs who are coming to work in Hong Kong will be issued a 14-day compulsory quarantine order, but if they have completed the vaccination course with test results taken on the fifth, sixth and seventh days after arrival in Hong Kong all being negative, they will be considered as having completed compulsory quarantine after completing the seventh day of quarantine. They will only need to continue to undergo self-monitoring on the following seven days. For details of the compulsory quarantine requirements, please visit the [COVID-19 Thematic Website](#).

List of quarantine hotels

To make better use of the hotel rooms for quarantine purpose, starting from 1 May, four hotels which reserved for FDHs to undergo quarantine (Courtyard by Marriott Hong Kong Sha Tin, iclub Ma Tau Wai Hotel, O'Hotel and Rambler Garden Hotel) will also accept other Hong Kong residents returning from places other than the Mainland and Macao for undergoing quarantine apart from FDHs. FDHs who have already made a reservation for these four hotels will not be affected. Hong Kong residents returning from places other than the Mainland and Macao can reserve a room through online booking system of the hotels concerned starting from 10am on 19 April. The four hotels mentioned above will provide a variety of room types for reservation of all inbound travelers, including FDHs (for check in on or after 1 May). Relevant room rates of the hotels concerned and information of other DQHs are provided in the list of [quarantine hotels](#).

Boarding documents

FDHs who have stayed in overseas places in the past 14 days before the day of arrival can board flights for Hong Kong under the following boarding requirements:

- (a) A [recognised COVID-19 vaccination record issued by the relevant places or organisations](#);
- (b) A valid FDH employment visa;
- (c) A negative result proof of a polymerase chain reaction-based (PCR) nucleic acid test for COVID-19 conducted within 48 hours before the scheduled time of departure of the aircraft (including documentary proofs that the laboratory is ISO15189 accredited or Government recognised); and
- (d) Confirmation of room reservation at a DQH or a hotel for quarantine of FDHs for 7 nights (if opting for early discharge from compulsory quarantine upon fulfilment of relevant conditions) or 14 nights (if not opting for early discharge from compulsory quarantine) starting on the day of arrival at Hong Kong. (Please refer to *“Reminders for employers and employment agencies”* below)

Reminders for employers and employment agencies

- (a) Employers and employment agencies (EAs) should check the flight information and allow sufficient time for preparing the documents required and completing the procedures when arranging for their

FDHs to come to Hong Kong. Employers and EAs should decide on FDHs' quarantine arrangement and make reservation for a quarantine room for 7 nights or 14 nights accordingly. For FDHs who would like to share a room with family members or companions, please [click here](#) to read Q13 of Frequently Asked Questions (For returnees) on the [COVID-19 Thematic Website](#) for relevant details.

Please note that according to the Standard Employment Contract (SEC) for FDHs, an employer shall provide the FDH with suitable accommodation free of charge. Examples of unsuitable accommodation include but are not limited to sharing a room with an adult/teenager of the opposite sex.

- (b) For FDHs holding a seven-night quarantine room confirmation, their quarantine order will specify that if they, after completing the seventh day of quarantine and meeting the conditions for early completion of compulsory quarantine, i.e., the results of the PCR test conducted on the 5th day and the RATs conducted on the 6th and 7th days after arrival in Hong Kong are all negative, they will be considered as having completed compulsory quarantine and must leave the quarantine hotels. Relevant FDHs can commence work at their employers' residence on the eighth day after arrival in Hong Kong at the earliest, while continuing to undergo self-monitoring on the following seven days. They also have to undergo compulsory PCR-based nucleic acid testing by professional swab sampling on the 12th day of arrival at Hong Kong in a community testing centre or mobile testing station (for free), or at a local testing institution recognised by the Government (self-paid).
- (c) In view of the conditions of individual families, the Commissioner for Labour has given in-principle approval for employers to arrange FDHs to stay at licensed hotels/guesthouses, other than hotels for compulsory quarantine purpose, to complete the subsequent seven-day self-monitoring. It is not necessary to make a separate application to the Labour Department (LD).
- (d) Apart from the above arrangement, employers may also choose to allow their FDHs to complete the whole period of 14-day compulsory quarantine in the same quarantine hotel. In this regard, the FDHs should hold a 14-night quarantine room confirmation at a DQH or a hotel for quarantine of FDHs when boarding their flight. These FDHs are required to stay in the room of the hotel for quarantine of FDHs to complete the 14-day quarantine and will not be arranged for an early completion of compulsory quarantine. They will be considered as having completed compulsory quarantine and may leave the hotel for quarantine of FDHs only after confirming their negative test results on the 12th and 14th days.
- (e) If any test result of an FDH is positive during the period of compulsory quarantine, the FDH will be subject to appropriate isolation and treatment based on the 'multi-tiered triage' and treatment strategy. FDHs who are tested positive after arrival in Hong Kong but are asymptomatic and do not require medical care will be sent to community isolation facilities.
- (f) Employers and EAs must register using the real name as shown on the valid passport of the residing FDHs to reserve rooms of a hotel for quarantine of FDHs. Reservation applications made under the name of another person or party will not be processed. Rooms reserved are not transferrable. Before making reservation, employers and EAs must read carefully the terms and conditions of the relevant hotel. The Government suggests employers to confirm if their FDHs'

vaccination records are issued by the [recognised place or organization](#) before booking tickets and hotel rooms. If an FDH is found to be coming to Hong Kong by using a fake vaccination record, the FDH might be sent to another quarantine facility and all hotel fees paid will not be refunded.

Reminders for FDHs

The Government also reminds FDHs to strictly adhere to the boarding and quarantine requirements. If an FDH is not able to meet the relevant requirements, the FDH may not be allowed to board a flight for Hong Kong or may be denied entry into Hong Kong upon arrival. Under the Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation (Cap. 599E), a person who knowingly or recklessly gives any information that is false or misleading in a material particular to an authorised officer in connection with the performance of the officer's function under the Regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 4 (\$25,000) and to imprisonment for six months. If any suspected breach is detected, apart from conducting investigations and considering taking out prosecution, the Government will also notify the relevant consulate-general in Hong Kong and the Immigration Department. The FDH's future applications for employment visas might be affected.

Relevant Press Release

Please [click here](#) for relevant press release concerning the quarantine arrangements for FDHs.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact LD on the dedicated FDH hotline at 2157 9537 (manned by "1823") or by email to fdh-enquiry@labour.gov.hk.