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This 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 – “Law on the Prevention, Control and Treatment of Infectious Diseases”, 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 according to the law. This guideline is without prejudice to any more concrete or stringent orders/guidelines set out by relevant supervisory entities in light of the actual circumstances.

### 1. Scope of application


These guidelines are applicable to scenarios where the presentation of a proof of negative SARS-CoV-2 test is required, including but not limited to: boarding of aircrafts, ships and other modes of transport destined to the Macao Special Administrative Region; upon entering the Macao Special Administrative Region; places where the presentation of such proof is required under the corresponding announcement(s); boarding of aircrafts or ships departing from Macao.

### 2. Accepted specimen types and testing methods

- 2.1 Respiratory tract specimens (Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs are preferred; sputum samples, for some areas where it is the customary choice of specimen, are also acceptable); infants may use rectal swabs instead;
- 2.2 SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 nucleic acid tests performed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) or other methods with similar level of sensitivity are accepted.

### 3. Unaccepted testing methods

- 3.1 Antigen test: Screening test for asymptomatic persons, the sensitivity of which is too low to satisfy the purposes prescribed in these guidelines;

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- 3.2 IgG, IgM antibody test: Can be used to complement, but not replace, a nucleic acid test;
  - 3.3 Tests conducted due to the presence of suspected symptoms, irrespective of the method.
4. Accepted test reports when travelling to or within Macao
- 4.1 A Macao Health Code containing the report of negative nucleic acid test result. A photo identity card with the same name, sex and ID number must be presented together; screenshot of the code can be used on arrival in Macao; in places other than the ports of entry, a real-time Macao Health Code may be required when necessary;
  - 4.2 A paper report issued by a testing institution recognized by the local government. The report must at least contain: same name as shown on the identity card, testing institution, testing method, time of report, and the report or specimen number;
  - 4.3 Print copy of electronic reports accessed via e-mail or the website of the local government or testing institution. However, the tested person should bring along their own mobile phone, tablet or laptop to open the e-mail or website in front of the airline check-in staff at the airport or the health quarantine officers at the port of entry for verification of authenticity; the e-mail must be sent by the testing institution. The report must at least contain: same name as shown on the identity card, testing institution, testing method, time of report, and the report or specimen number; in the event of incomplete personal identification information on the report, a receipt with detailed personal identification information, an appointment slip and other relevant information must be prepared to prove the authenticity of the report;
5. Travel to other areas (For reference only; the requirements of the authorities of the place of destination shall prevail)
- 5.1 Travel to Zhuhai: Reports in the Yuekang Code (Guangdong Health Code) are preferred; reports in paper and other forms as accepted by the Zhuhai authorities are also acceptable;



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- 5.2 Travel to Shenzhen: Generally, only reports in the Yuekang Code (Guangdong Health Code) are accepted.
- 5.3 Travel from Macao airport to cities in the Mainland: Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the destination city, paper report must be presented for boarding.
- 5.4 Travel from Macao airport to cities outside the Mainland and Hong Kong: It is recommended to hold a paper report in the language and validity period suitable for the places of destination and stopover; if the places of destination or stopover does not have a requirement, traveler can simply present the Macao Health Code which contains the negative nucleic acid test report.

6. Validity period of nucleic acid test reports for different purposes (subject to changes from time to time; please pay attention to relevant announcements):

Purpose	Validity period of nucleic acid test report
Within Macao borders	Within 7 days from the day after the date of report (For example, if the date of report is January 1, the validity period will last until 23:59 on January 8)
From Macao to the Mainland (Departure by land)	Within 48 hours from the day after the sampling date (For example, if the sample is taken on January 1, the report will be valid until 23:59 on January 3)
From the Mainland to Macao (Arrival by land)	Within 7 days from the day after the date of report (For example, if the date of report is January 1, the validity period will last until 23:59 on January 8)
From all mainland provinces or cities to Macao, travelling by air	Within 48 hours from the day after the sampling date (For example, if the sample is taken on January 1, the report will be valid until 23:59 on January 3)



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From Taiwan region to Macao (excluding passengers transiting at Taiwan region)		Within 24 hours from the day after the date of report (For example, if the date of report is January 1, the validity period will last until 23:59 on January 2)
From Hong Kong to Macao		Within 24 hours from the day after the sampling date (For example, if the sample is taken on January 1, the report will be valid until 23:59 on January 2)
From foreign countries to Macao	From Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Prior to boarding a non-stop flight or the first flight of an interline itinerary for Macao, present proof of three negative COVID-19 nucleic acid tests within seven days; individuals aged 12 or above must also present a certificate certifying that they have completed the whole course of COVID-19 vaccination for 14 days, or that they are unfit for COVID-19 vaccination.</li> <li>◆ Relevant proofs must be issued by testing institutions recognized by the Chinese Embassies/Consulates; and each nucleic acid test should be sampled at least 24 hours apart, with the last test performed no earlier than 48 hours before boarding. (For example, in order to take a flight that is scheduled to leave at 12:00 on January 8, it is necessary to submit three negative nucleic acid test reports issued between January 1-7, of which the last report should be issued between January 6-7. Repeat testing within 24 hours is not accepted.)</li> </ul>



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	From other countries	Within 48 hours prior to scheduled flight departure from place of origin (not place of stopover), counting from the report issuance time (For example, if the flight is scheduled on January 13, departing from London and transferring from Singapore to Macao, then a report issued on or after January 11 is valid)
	From Macao to other provinces of the Mainland	Within 48 hours from the day after the sampling date (For example, if the sample is taken on January 1, the report will be valid until 23:59 on January 3).
	From Macao to cities outside the Mainland	Subject to the requirements of the place of stopover and/or the place of destination; if the places of destination or stopover does not have a requirement, the validity period is within 48 hours from the day after the sampling date (For example, if the sample is taken on January 1, the report will be valid until 23:59 on January 3).

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