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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; venues where the presentation of such proof is necessary under the announcements of the competent authorities; boarding of overseas-bound civil aircrafts or vessels.


Some of the travel requirements from Macao to other places as referred to in these guidelines are set by other places than the competent authorities of Macao.

## 2. Accepted specimen types and testing methods

2.1 Respiratory tract specimens (Nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swabs are preferred; sputum samples, which is the customary choice of specimen in some regions, are also acceptable); for babies, rectal swab samples may be used as substitute;

2.2 SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 nucleic acid tests performed by polymerase chain reaction (PCR);

2.3 The proof of viral nucleic acid test result must be based on a sample collected by or under the supervision of a health professional.


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### 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;
- 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. 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;
- 4.4 All inbound travelers are required to declare their health condition and preceding travel and residential history truthfully, and pay attention to the announcements of the MSAR

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Government in relation to the risk areas.

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;
  - 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.

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Annex: Validity period of nucleic acid test reports for various purposes

(This table is a summary for clarity and is not intended to be a regulatory document. The latest official announcements made by the relevant authorities shall be final.)

Destination	Validity period	Example	Basis
1. Within Macao	Generally within 7 days from the day after the date of report <sup>Remark 1</sup>	If date of report is 1 <sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 8 <sup>th</sup> January	
2. Travelling from Guangdong Province to Macao	Within 7 days from the day after the date of sample collection <sup>Remark 2</sup>	If date of sample collection is 1 <sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Announcement no. 135/A/SS/2021
3. Travelling from Macao to Guangdong Province (To Zhuhai and Shenzhen)	Within 7 days from the day after the date of sample collection <sup>Remark 2</sup>	If date of sample collection is 1 <sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Announcement of the State Council



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<p>4. Travelling directly from places in the Mainland other than Guangdong Province to Macao by air or by sea</p>	<p>Within 7 days from the day after the date of sample collection <sup>Remark 2</sup></p>	<p>If date of sample collection is 1<sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 8<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>Announcement no. 204/A/SS/2021</p>
<p>5. Travelling from Macao to the rest of the Mainland other than Guangdong Province by air or by sea</p>	<p>Within 7 days from and inclusive of the day of sample collection <sup>Remark 3</sup></p>	<p>If date of sample collection is 1<sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 7<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>Announcement no. 205/A/SS/2021</p>
<p>6. Travelling from Hong Kong to Macao by sea or by land</p>	<p>Within 72 hours after the date of sample collection <sup>Remark 4</sup></p>	<p>If date of sample collection is 1<sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 4<sup>th</sup> January</p>	<p>Announcement no. 202/A/SS/2021</p>
<p>7. Travelling directly from Taiwan region to Macao by air</p>	<p>Within 24 hours from the day after the date of report <sup>Remark 5</sup></p>	<p>If date of report is 1<sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 2<sup>nd</sup> January</p>	<p>Announcement no. 84/A/SS/2021</p>



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8. Travelling directly from Macao to Taiwan region by air	Subject to the requirements of the place of stopover and/or the place of destination; if such requirements do not exist, the validity period is within 7 days from and inclusive of the day of sample collection <small>Remark 3</small>	If date of sample collection is 1 <sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Announcement no. 205/A/SS/2021
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<p>9. Travelling from extremely high-risk countries as follows:          Bangladesh,          Brazil,          Cambodia,          India,          Indonesia,          Iran, Nepal,          Pakistan, the Philippines,          Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka,          Tanzania,          Turkey</p>	<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 7 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</li> </ul>	<p>To take a flight departing at 12:00 on 8<sup>th</sup> January, it is necessary to submit three negative nucleic acid test reports issued between 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January, of which the last report should be issued between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January. Repeat testing within 24 hours is not accepted.</p>	<p>Announcement          no.          162/A/SS/2021</p>
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	sampled at least 24 hours apart, with the last test performed no earlier than 48 hours before boarding.		
10. Travelling from other countries	Within 48 hours prior to the scheduled flight departure from the place of origin (not place of stopover), calculated based on the date of sample collection. Please also pay attention to the requirements of the place of stopover.	For a flight scheduled to depart on 13 <sup>th</sup> January from London to Macao with a stopover in Singapore, a valid report should be based on a sample taken on or after 11 <sup>th</sup> January.	Announcement no. 162/A/SS/2021
11. Travelling from Macao to a foreign country	Subject to the requirements of the place of stopover and/or the place of destination; if such requirements do not exist, the validity period is within 7 days from and inclusive of the day of sample collection <small>Remark 3</small>	If date of sample collection is 1 <sup>st</sup> January, it will be valid until 23:59 on 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Announcement no. 205/A/SS/2021



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Remark 1: Within 7 days from the day after the date of report – Valid for 7 days after the issuance of the NAT report

Remark 2: Within 7 days from the day after the date of sample collection – Valid for 7 days after NAT sampling, of which the date of sample collection is not included

Remark 3: Within 7 days from and inclusive of the day of sample collection – Valid for 7 days after NAT sampling, of which the date of sample collection is included

Remark 4: Within 72 hours after the date of sample collection – Valid for 72 hours after NAT sampling, of which the date of sample collection is not included

Remark 5: Within 24 hours from the day after the date of report – Valid for 24 hours after the issuance of the NAT report