

## **Arrangement for the Election Committee ("EC") members to vote at the Penny's Bay Community Isolation Facility**

### **EC members concerned:**

Under the current anti-epidemic policies, there are five categories of persons who are subject to quarantine/isolation requirement –

- (a) confinees in community isolation facilities;
- (b) confinees in quarantine centres;
- (c) confinees under home quarantine/isolation;
- (d) confinees under quarantine/isolation in hotels/guest houses; and
- (e) persons who are subject to the Restricted Testing Declaration.

Taking into account the current epidemic situation, the Registration and Electoral Office ("REO") will set up a Penny's Bay Polling Station ("PBPS") at the Penny's Bay Community Isolation Facility ("PBCIF") for those EC members who are unable to cast their votes at the Election Committee Constituency ("ECC") polling station situated at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre ("HKCEC") on the polling day due to local isolation or quarantine measures. The polling hours of the PBPS are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. To ensure that EC members concerned can cast their votes at the PBPS within the specified polling hours, they will have to arrive the PBCIF one day before the polling day (i.e. on 17 Dec 2022) and stay there for one night before they cast their votes at the PBPS in the morning of the polling day. After voting, EC members can return to their original place to undergo the relevant isolation or quarantine (if required). EC members who only confirm on 18 Dec 2022 (before the close of the poll at the PBPS) their need to undergo isolation or quarantine should immediately contact the REO for providing practicable assistance for them to cast their vote at the PBPS as far as possible. Blanket approval has been granted by the Department of Health for EC members, who are subject to isolation or quarantine order, to go to and cast their votes in the PBPS situated in the PBCIF.

Pursuant to Section 32 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Regulation (Cap. 599A), a person shall not, knowing that he/she is a contact or is infected with a specified infectious disease, by the conducts specified in subsection (1) of that section, expose other persons to the risk of infection. Affected EC members should not cast their votes in the ECC polling station at the HKCEC, but to contact the REO as soon as possible to exercise their voting rights in accordance with the above arrangement.

### **Registration to vote in the PBPS:**

If you have any enquiry or require any assistance relating to the arrangement, please contact the dedicated service hotline provided in the electoral documents sent to you on 1 December 2022.

(The operation hours of the hotline are:

- From 12 Dec to 16 Dec: office hours (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) ;
- From 9:00 a.m. of 17 Dec to 10:30 a.m. of 18 Dec.

Items	Before Polling Day (From 12 Dec to 17 Dec, 2022 <sup>1</sup> )	Polling Day (18 Dec, 2022)
<b>1. Applicable situation<sup>2</sup></b>	Tested Positive from Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)/Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) <b><u>OR</u></b> Undergoing Quarantine Order	Tested Positive from PCR <sup>3</sup> /RAT <b><u>OR</u></b> Undergoing Quarantine Order <sup>4</sup>
<b>2. Notifying the REO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EC members who wish to vote at the PBPS should call REO's dedicated service hotline <b><u>as early as possible</u></b>.</li><li>- The REO will coordinate with relevant departments to provide one-stop services to EC members, including arranging designated taxis to pick up EC members and their stay at the PBCIF.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EC members who wish to vote at the PBPS must call REO's dedicated service hotline <b><u>as early as possible</u></b> (no later than 8:30 a.m. on the Polling Day is recommended).</li><li>- The REO will coordinate with relevant departments to provide one-stop services to EC members, including arranging designated taxis to pick up EC members and their entry to the PBCIF.</li><li>- <b>Please note that if an EC member fails to notify the REO in advance and is unable to arrive at the PBPS at or before 10:30 am (i.e. the close of</b></li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> In general, it may take 6-10 days for an infected person to receive a negative result. Therefore, we recommend that the EC members who have been infected or subject to quarantine order before the polling day and intend to vote should notify the REO **as early as possible**, so that they can be arranged to stay in PBCIF on 17 Dec, 2022 and cast their vote at the PBPS on the next day.

<sup>2</sup> Having regard to the health conditions of EC members, this special arrangement is not applicable to persons who are in treatment facilities

<sup>3</sup> Including EC members who are subject to PCR test under the compulsory testing notice. EC members affected by the "Restriction-Testing Declaration" operation should call the REO's dedicated hotline as soon as possible, and the REO will liaise with relevant departments to arrange priority testing and early receipt of result.

<sup>4</sup> Generally speaking, quarantine order will be issued to family members who live with the confirmed cases

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		<b>polling hours), the EC member concerned will not be allowed to vote.</b>
<b>3. Transportation Arrangement<sup>5</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After receiving the notification an the EC member, the REO will arrange a designated taxi to provide point-to-point transportation for the EC members from place of quarantine/ isolation to the PBCIF on 17 Dec to stay for one night and prepare for voting on the following day.</li> <li>- The taxi will only take the EC member to the PBCIF, but not other passengers nor to other locations. The assigned designated taxi driver will contact the EC member about 15 minutes before the scheduled boarding time on 17 Dec to confirm the boarding time and location.</li> <li>- After the poll, the REO will arrange designated taxis to transport the EC member back to the original place of quarantine or isolation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After receiving notification from an EC member, the REO will <b><u>immediately</u></b> arrange point-to-point transportation for the EC members from the place of quarantine/isolation to the PBPS to cast the vote.</li> <li>- If the EC members fails to arrive at the PBPS at or before the close of polling hours at 10:30 a.m., the EC members concerned will not be able to vote at the Polling Station.</li> <li>- The taxi will only take the EC member to the PBCIF, but not other passengers nor to other locations. The assigned designated taxi driver will contact the EC members about 15 minutes before the scheduled boarding time to confirm the boarding time and location.</li> <li>- After the poll, the REO will arrange designated taxi to transport the EC members back to the original place of quarantine or isolation.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Required Documents/ Items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To ensure the smooth voting process, EC members are required to bring their original copy of Hong Kong Identity Card and Poll Card for identity verification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To ensure the smooth voting process, EC members are required to bring their original copy of the Hong Kong Identity</li> </ul>

<sup>5</sup> Instead of arranging their own transportation, the EC members can only take the reserved designated taxis to go to the PBCIF.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EC members are required to bring along the required personal items (Including medication) for the overnight stay in Penny's Bay.</li> </ul>	<p>Card and Poll Card for identity verification</p>
<b>5. Check-in and registration arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After arriving at Penny's Bay, Civil Aid Service (CAS) staff will confirm the identity of the EC member and arrange the EC member to stay in an individual room in accordance with the established procedure and arrange the EC member to cast the vote on the next day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After arriving at Penny's Bay, CAS staff will confirm the identity of the EC member and arrange them to vote.</li> <li>- The EC member are not required to stay at the PBCIF.</li> </ul>
<b>6. Voting Arrangements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff will lead the EC members to the polling station to vote during the polling hours (9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on 18 Dec 2022).</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Leaving PBCIF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- After voting, the EC members can leave the PBCIF with the reserved designated taxi under the instruction of the staff.</li> <li>- Please note that designated taxis will only transport the EC members concerned back to the original place of quarantine/isolation to complete the quarantine/isolation order, but not other locations.</li> </ul>	

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