

## Hong Kong to reopen to non-residents

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Hong Kong will reopen to non-residents on May 1, the government announced on Friday evening. The Covid-19 flight suspension mechanism, which sees a seven-day route ban when three passengers test positive for the coronavirus on arrival in the city, will also be adjusted from May, with the ban shortened to five days.

The flight suspension mechanism has been triggered 25 times since April 1.

The Food and Health Bureau issued a statement on Friday evening detailing its plan to ease the city's Covid-19 travel restrictions.

“Although daily passenger arrivals have increased since April 1, when the government lifted the flight bans from nine overseas regions, the ratio of imported case has dropped instead of risen,” the statement said.

According to the statement, non-residents will be allowed to enter the city from May 1. All inbound travellers are required to be fully vaccinated, obtain a negative result with a nucleic acid test before departure and make a prior booking at a designated

quarantine hotel.

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