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**31 August 2020**

### **FINAL REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS TO ENSURE WORKERS UNDERGO ROUTINE TESTING BY 5 SEPTEMBER**

*Workers who have not done so will not be able to return to work*

As part of the safeguards to ensure the safe restart of work, workers staying in dormitories<sup>1</sup>, workers in the Construction, Marine and Process sectors and personnel who go into the work sites<sup>2</sup>, are required to undergo Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) every 14 days.

2 By the deadline of 5 September, all workers who are required to undergo RRT must have completed a swab test in the preceding 14 days and started their 14-day RRT cycle. Workers who have not done so will have their AccessCode Status reflected as Red under the “Health Status” and will not be able to return to work.

3 To date, around 1,500 employers (8%) have yet to log into the Health Promotion Board’s [Swab Registration System](#) (SRS) to schedule their workers for their RRT. In total, 62,000 workers who need to undergo RRT have not yet been scheduled, a significant reduction from the 102,000 workers from a week ago.

4 We remind these employers to quickly schedule appointment slots for their workers to avoid disruption to their business operations. They can view the available test locations in the SRS when booking appointment dates. This comprises 18 Regional Screening Centres across the island such as Old Police Academy, The Float @ Marina Bay and test locations in some Purpose-Built Dormitories for their dormitory residents.

5 Once workers have been scheduled under the SRS for the first time, they will be automatically assigned new dates for future RRT swabs. Employers should log in to the [SRS](#) regularly to check if there are new workers whom they need to schedule appointments for.

6 Employers who behave irresponsibly and persistently fail to schedule workers for RRT may have their work pass privileges curtailed. The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) has taken action against a group of firms and their workers who have failed to undergo RRT for a prolonged period of time, despite multiple reminders to

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<sup>1</sup> This includes workers residing in Purpose-Built Dormitories, Factory-Converted Dormitories, Construction Temporary Quarters, Temporary Occupational Licence premises and Temporary Living Quarters.

<sup>2</sup> All workers in the Construction, Marine and Process sectors are required to be tested regularly, unless they are working in company office premises.

their employers. BCA has rescinded the approval to resume work for 1,148 workers thus far. These workers will be allowed to return to work once they have undergone their RRT.

7 Employers should approach their respective sector leads, should they have queries on the requirements:

<b>Sectors</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Construction sector	<a href="mailto:SRS_Enquiries@bca.gov.sg">SRS_Enquiries@bca.gov.sg</a>
Marine and Process sectors	<a href="mailto:swab@edb.gov.sg">swab@edb.gov.sg</a>
Manufacturing/services workers staying in dormitories	<a href="http://www.mom.gov.sg/feedback">www.mom.gov.sg/feedback</a>

To register for an SRS login account, employers can go to <https://go.gov.sg/reg-srs-acc>. Employers who face issues with using the SRS can write in to [AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg](mailto:AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg).