### 17 February 2022

Dear Employer,

# [RESEND] Cessation of Rostered Routine Testing for Fully Vaccinated Workers Residing in Dormitories and Workers in Construction, Marine and Process sectors

# From 18 February 2022, workers in the following groups will be exempted from Rostered Routine Testing (RRT):

- a. Fully vaccinated workers residing in the dormitories<sup>1</sup>;
- b. Workers in the Construction, Marine and Process sectors; and
- c. Frontline workers working at the dormitories, onboarding centres and migrant workers' recreation centres (RCs).

2. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated workers residing in the dormitories <u>will still be required</u> to <u>undergo</u> their 3-day Fast and Easy Testing (FET)-RRT regime. As this group may be more susceptible to severe disease if infected with COVID-19, the RRT will help them to better monitor their health.

3. The latest RRT exemption takes into consideration the high vaccination coverage and the implementation of Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS). These have offered good protection to the workforce from severe disease if infected with COVID-19. The high transmissibility and shorter incubation period of the Omicron variant have also meant a reduction in the effectiveness of RRT in containing community transmission.

4. All migrant workers, except for fully vaccinated recovered workers<sup>2</sup>, who have a positive Antigen Rapid Test (ART) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) result will still need to go through the prevailing health protocol for COVID-19 recovery.

# Notification changes on MOM applications

For workers who fall under paras 1a – 1c:	For unvaccinated or partially vaccinated workers residing in the dormitories:
<ul> <li>The following exemption messages will appear by end of 18 February 2022 in the respective mobile apps and e-services:</li> <li>On FWMOMCare – "Exempted from FET-<i>RRT</i>"</li> <li>On SGWorkPass – "[ART] Exempted from Rostered Routine Testing (RRT)"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No change in the RRT messages on MOM applications.</li> <li>This group of workers are still required to comply with their current 3-day FET RRT regime<sup>3</sup>.</li> </ul>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluding residents living in Brani and Pasir Panjang dormitories.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Fully vaccinated recovered workers who are asymptomatic and tested Ag+ are not required to undergo health protocol 2 as they have better protection against the COVID-19 infection and are at lower risk of symptomatic or severe disease if infected. Fully vaccinated and recovered workers who are symptomatic (i.e. with fever, cough, runny nose) should still report sick and undergo the appropriate health protocol based on clinical assessment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated dormitory workers can still visit the RCs and can apply to do so via their SGWorkPass.

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What should I do as an employer?

5. Please share the information available through this <u>link</u> with your workers.

6. As an employer, you should ensure that your workers complete their full vaccination regime and required booster dose as soon as possible. You should not allow your workers to go to work, if they are not fully vaccinated. In the meantime, please remind your workers to monitor their health and report sick if they feel unwell.

7. For further queries, please contact us at <u>www.mom.gov.sg/efeedback</u>.

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#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

### 1. What should my workers do with the remaining ART kits which they have collected previously?

If your workers still have remaining ART kits, please remind them to keep the kits. They can use the ART kits to test and monitor their own health if they feel unwell.