Dear Employment Agency Key Appointment Holder,

Vaccination of newly arrived MDWs

As informed in the EA alert sent on 2 Sep 2021 (EA Alert 10/2021), the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) will disseminate the "COVID-19 Vaccination Acknowledgement" form to all newly arrived MDWs during their SHN period. The form provides MDWs with information on COVID-19 vaccination and allows them to indicate their interest to be vaccinated. EAs are required to collect the forms from the MDWs at the end of the SHN and facilitate the vaccination of the MDWs who have indicated their interest to be vaccinated. A copy of the EA alert and acknowledgement form can be found here.

2. In recent checks by MOM, we found that some EA staff were unaware of the acknowledgement form and had not been facilitating vaccination of the MDWs. MOM would like to reiterate that EAs are to collect the acknowledgement forms from the MDW after serving their SHN, and to facilitate the vaccination of the MDWs for vaccination before deployment to the household. MOM will be conducting further checks on this.

Ingestion of Overseas Vaccination Records

3. For MDWs who have indicated that they have been vaccinated [1] in their home country, EAs should work with their employers to ensure that the COVID-19 vaccination records are ingested into the National Immunisation Registry (NIR). For information about the ingestion of overseas COVID-19 vaccination records, please refer to MOH's website here.

Pre-deployment ART

- 4. EAs are also reminded that with effect from 20 Sep 2021, EAs are required to conduct predeployment ART for MDWs and confinement nannies. The ART should be conducted within 24 hours prior to deploying the MDW/confinement nanny to her new employer. EAs should also update employers on the result of the ART. You may refer to our previous EA alert on this requirement here.
- 5. For more information on the use ART self-test kits and the latest protocols on handling individuals tested positive for ART, please refer to MOH's website here.

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[1] Vaccines listed under World Health Organisation's Emergency Use Listing