

Dear Key Appointment Holders,

In line with the latest health protocol announced by the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) on 16 February 2022, the Ministry of Manpower has revised the requirement for the rostered routine testing (RRT) regime at large MDW boarding houses.

Revision to the RRT Regime for large boarding houses (housing 7 or more pax)

2 Effective immediately, the following groups will no longer be required to undergo weekly RRT:

- Fully vaccinated MDWs residing in boarding houses housing 7 or more pax; and
- Staff working at MDW boarding houses housing 7 or more pax, regardless of vaccination status.

3 Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated MDWs staying at large boarding houses **will be required to undergo Antigen Rapid Test once every 3 days**. As this group is more susceptible to severe diseases if infected with COVID-19, the RRT will help them to better monitor their health.

4 As a precautionary measure, check-in ART will still be required for all MDWs staying at large boarding houses.

Pre-deployment ART for all MDWs and confinement nannies to continue

5 To minimise risk of infected MDWs entering households with vulnerable persons, EAs are to continue with pre-deployment 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.

MDWs attending Settling-in-Programme (SIP)

6 MDWs attending the SIP will be required to show proof of a negative PCR test result in the past 3 days or negative ART result within last 24 hours, or undergo an ART at the SIP centre prior to attending the class.

7 A summary of the tests required for MDWs is as follows.

MDWs staying at large Boarding Houses (housing 7 or more MDWs)

Vaccinated MDW

- RRT not required.
- Check-in ART.
- Pre-deployment ART, 24hr prior to deployment to households.

Unvaccinated MDW

- ART once every 3 days.
- Check-in ART.

- Pre-deployment ART, 24hr prior to deployment to households.

MDWs not staying at large boarding houses

- Pre-deployment ART, 24hr prior to deployment to households, regardless of vaccination status

MDWs attending SIP classes

- Unless they have a negative PCR test result in the past 3 days or negative ART result within last 24 hours, ART is required for all MDWs attending SIP, regardless of vaccination status.

8 If you have any enquiries on the revised testing regime, you can email mom_fmmd@mom.gov.sg.

9 Thank you, and stay safe.

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