

Dear Employment Agency Key Appointment Holders,

COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (ART) for EA Staff

The Antigen Rapid Test (ART) allows faster and simpler COVID testing for your staff because they can administer the ART by themselves at their residence or workplace. ART complements our testing regime especially during periods of heightened alert and allows us to detect and isolate new COVID-19 infections early.

2. Ministry of Manpower would like to encourage EAs to implement an ART regime for your staff who are not working from home including EA runners. It is particularly vital for outsourced runners to be tested regularly as they may be deployed across multiple EAs. Regular testing will help to avoid disruption to your operations, and EAs can consider having staff perform self-swab ART once every 14 days.

COVID-19 ART for MDWs

3. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission at MDW boarding houses, the Ministry of Manpower has worked with boarding houses (housing 7 or more MDWs) to implement a mandatory ART regime. MDWs housed at large boarding houses are required to take the ART every 7 days, upon check-in and within 24 hours prior to the deployment to the employer's household.

4. For MDWs who are housed in premises with less than 7 pax, an ART regime would avoid disruption to your operations and provide greater assurance to employers. We encourage EAs to implement the following ART regime for the MDWs.

a. (For transfer MDW) When taking over the MDW from her existing employer, and within 24 hours prior to deploying MDW to her new employer

b. (For newly arrived MDW*) Within 24 hours prior to deploying MDW to her new employer

**As newly arrived MDWs would have cleared their SHN exit PCR test, there is no need for further testing when EAs receive them.*

5. Should your EA boarding house fall within a geographical area where MOH invites residents to come forward for testing (e.g. blocks around a cluster site), you must ensure all MDWs and occupants residing at the boarding house get tested.

What do I have to do?

6. We seek your assistance to share the education materials at this [link](#) with your EA staff. The materials include an instructional video and ART posters for the different ART kit brands (available in native languages too).

7. Currently, ART kits are available at various community retail pharmacies, general retail shops as well as e-commerce platforms. Please refer [here](#) for the list of authorised self-test kits.

8. For FAQs on the use of ART self-test kits, you may refer to MOH's website at this [link](#). For further queries, please contact us at www.mom.gov.sg/efeedback.

9. Thank you for supporting us in our fight against COVID-19.

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