

Dear Employment Agency Key Appointment Holders,

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce has recently announced several actions to slow down community transmission, including more pervasive testing to detect and ringfence infections in the community early. The frequency for mandatory Fast and Easy (FET) Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) regime has increased from once every fortnight to once a week.

### **Mandatory pre-deployment ART for MDWs and confinement nannies from 20 September 2021**

2 To provide better safeguards for the community, MOM requires EAs to conduct pre-deployment ART for MDWs and confinement nannies with effect from 20 September 2021. 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.

### **Weekly ART for staff working on-site**

3 MOM urges EAs to implement an ART regime for your staff who are working on-site, including EA runners. EAs can consider having staff perform self-swab ART once every 7 days. To encourage employers to put in place regularly testing, the government will be issuing companies eight ART kits per employee working on-site. More details will be made available at a later date.

### **Info on ART kits**

4 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.

5 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](http://www.mom.gov.sg/efeedback).

6 Thank you for supporting our fight against COVID-19.

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### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Pre-deployment ART for MDWs and confinement nannies**

#### **1. Must we submit the pre-deployment ART results to MOM?**

There is no need to submit the pre-deployment ART results to MOM. However, EAs should inform the employers on when the test is conducted and the test result.

#### **2. Who should pay for the ART Kits for the pre-deployment tests?**

The cost for the ART kits for MDWs and confinement nannies can be mutually agreed and borne either by the EA or the employer.

#### **3. What should I do if the ART result is positive/re-tested invalid?**

If the MDW or confinement nanny is tested positive, you should take a photograph of the ART results with the MDW's or confinement nanny's identification document in the same photo immediately and call a Swab and Send Home (SASH) clinic to make an appointment for a confirmatory PCR test.

You may refer to the MOH website via <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/selfteststart/faqs> for more details.

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