

Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel

On 8 Nov 2021, the government announced changes to border measures to align with domestic protocols and evolving pandemic conditions in other countries/regions.

Changes to countries/regions classification

2 From 11 Nov 2021, 2359 hrs, travellers, including migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/confinement nannies (CNs), who have departed from/visited **Cambodia, Egypt, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Maldives, Qatar, Rwanda, Samoa, South Africa, Tonga, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Vietnam** in the last 14 days before entering Singapore will be placed in Category II. They are required to serve 7 days of Stay-Home Notice (SHN) at a suitable accommodation of choice.

3 In addition, travellers, including MDWs and CNs, with travel history from **Argentina, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Kuwait, Laos, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Ukraine** in the last 14 days will be placed in Category III. They will be required to serve 10 days of SHN at a suitable accommodation of choice.

4 For MDWs/CNs who are arriving between 12 and 30 Nov 2021 and whose employers had paid for the SHN stay at a SHN dedicated facility (SDF), MOM will send an email to affected employers and EAs to respond if you would like the MDW to serve SHN at your accommodation of choice or at the SDF.

5 For MDWs/CNs arriving from 1 Dec, they are required to serve their SHN at a self-sourced accommodation. Please ensure that they have a suitable accommodation to serve their SHN.

6 Please be reminded that for MDWs/CNs who are serving SHN at accommodation of choice, pick-up and transport arrangements must be made to bring them promptly upon arrival to their SHN accommodation. MDWs/CNs should not be left to wait at the port of entry.

Changes in testing regime

7 From 11 Nov 2021, 2359 hours, **a negative professionally administered antigen rapid test (ART) result will also be recognised as a valid pre-departure test (PDT) for all travellers arriving in or transiting through Singapore from Category II/III countries/regions.** A negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test result will continue to be accepted as a valid PDT. All PDTs must fulfil the following requirements:

- a. Taken within two days¹ before departure for Singapore;
- b. Test result memo must state:
 - i. Negative test result in English;
 - ii. Date that the test was taken;
 - iii. Traveller/s name; and
 - iv. Either Date of Birth or Passport Number as stated in the passport.

8 Key requirements for MDWs and CNs arriving from Category II and III countries/regions are summarised in the table below. Please refer to the [SafeTravel website](#) for the full set of prevailing border measures for different categories.

Requirements the MDW/CN must comply with on arrival	What you must ensure
1. Be fully vaccinated before arrival	The MDW/CN must be able to produce the necessary documents as proof of vaccination otherwise she will be

<p>Refer to the vaccination requirements on the Safe Travel portal.</p>	<p>denied entry or boarding. You will need to re-apply for entry approval if this happens.</p> <p>To get a temporary vaccination status for up to 30 days, the MDW/CN must present her vaccination certificate(s) to the ICA officer at immigration clearance. This vaccination certificate(s) must clearly state the type of vaccine taken and the date(s) they were taken. The certificate(s) must be translated into English by an embassy, translator, or notary public, if they are not in English. If the vaccination certificate(s) are valid, the temporary vaccination status will be reflected on the pass holder’s TraceTogether app registered to her passport number.</p> <p>The MDW/CN must take a serology test at a Public Health Preparedness Clinic to confirm her vaccination status within 14 days of completing SHN.</p>
<p>2. Serve SHN at a suitable accommodation of choice (7-day SHN for Category II, 10-day SHN for Category III):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place of residence • Other self-sourced accommodation, such as hotels, serviced apartments, and hostels (please ensure these places can accommodate guests on SHN) 	<p>The MDW/CN serving SHN at place of residence is reminded to isolate in her room and minimise contact with any household members. If this is not feasible or if there are vulnerable household members present, the MDW/CN or the vulnerable household members should consider alternative accommodation.</p> <p>The MDW/CN is not allowed to serve her SHN at a dormitory.</p> <p>The MDW/CN may be housed in premises such as residential unit, hotel, service apartment or hostel for her SHN. EA may arrange for the MDW/CN to share a room with another MDW/CN with the same travel history, with employers’ consent. The MDW/CN(s) should remain isolated during the SHN and should not mingle, or share facilities such as toilets, with other residents.</p> <p>Arrange for the MDW/CN to travel from the port of entry to her SHN accommodation using private transport (e.g., own vehicle or take taxis (including street-hail taxi) / private-hire vehicles. Public transport (e.g., public bus/train) is not allowed.</p> <p>Provide the MDW/CN with food and other daily essentials throughout her SHN as she is not allowed to leave the accommodation.</p> <p>If you have paid for the SHN at a SDF as part of the MDW/CN’s entry approval application, MOM will automatically refund the fees paid within 3 months of her arrival.</p>
<p>3. Take end of SHN exit PCR test on the 7th day of the SHN for Category II and</p>	<p>Check whether the MDW/CN has received an SMS or call on her exit PCR test appointment details at her Singapore-registered mobile number by the day before the exit PCR</p>

<p>10th day of the SHN for Category III.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No longer required to take on-arrival PCR and on-arrival serology tests • No longer need to undergo self-administered ARTs on the 3rd and 7th days of her arrival 	<p>test. If not, please <u>call the SafeTravel Enquiries helpline at 68125555.</u></p> <p>Failure to take the test as scheduled may lead to an extension of SHN period and revocation of work pass.</p> <p>Arrange for the MDW/CN to travel using private transport or taxis/private-hire vehicles between the SHN accommodation and designated COVID-19 testing facility. Public transport (e.g., public bus/train) is not allowed.</p> <p>She must inform the taxi drivers that she is on SHN when getting into the vehicle and return to her SHN accommodation immediately after the test. She must sit in the rear passenger seat, with windows down and air-conditioning turned off.</p> <p>If you have paid for the on-arrival PCR and serology tests and ARTs as part of the entry approval application, a refund will be made within 3 months of the MDW/CN' s arrival.</p>
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9 Please take note of the changes and continue to work with us to keep Singapore safe.

¹ For example, if the PDT is taken on 1 November 2021, it will be valid for departures (for air/sea checkpoints) or arrivals (for land checkpoint) up to 3 November 2021, 2359 hours.

Yours sincerely

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