Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

- 1. As you would be aware, from 1 Nov 2021, all work pass holders, including migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/confinement nannies (CNs) are required to be fully vaccinated to enter Singapore[1]. MDWs/CNs who have received their vaccination overseas must update their vaccination records in the National Immunisation Registry (NIR) within 30 days of arrival in Singapore.
- 2. Employment agencies (EAs) are required to facilitate the update of the MDW's/CN's overseas vaccination records post-arrival. Failure to do so may result in administrative action on the EA, including imposition of demerit points. MOM had previously reminded all EAs via EA alerts 27/2021 (sent on 21 Dec 21) and 03/2022 (sent on 4 Feb 22).
- 3. MOM recently issued demerit points to five EAs for failing to ensure that their MDWs' overseas vaccination records were updated. These EAs failed to respond, even after reminders were sent to them. We are closely monitoring these five EAs, and will take stronger action such as suspending their WPOL/EPOL accounts with MOM, until the updates are completed.
- 4. MOM would like to remind all EAs to facilitate the update of the MDW's overseas vaccination records in the NIR promptly. You should take the MDW for a serology test at any <u>Public Health Preparedness Clinic (PHPC)</u> and bring along the vaccination certificate(s) (translated into English) for the clinic to verify. If the employer prefers to make their own arrangement for the serology test, please remind the employer **in writing** on the vaccination entry requirements and timeline for the serology test. If the serology test is included as part of the medical examination, please ensure that the clinic is aware of the request to submit the overseas vaccination record(s) to NIR. You should also check that the clinic has successfully submitted the record(s) to NIR by checking the MDW's vaccination status on TraceTogether or Healthhub. This will be available within 24 hours after the clinic has notified the NIR.
- 5. If the MDW is holding a digitally verifiable vaccination certificate (DVC), she may not need to take a serology test. However, she must still visit a healthcare provider for them to verify the DVC and update the MDW's records in the NIR. Please refer to MOH's FAQ for the list of eligible DVCs exempted from serology testing.

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^[1] MDWs who entered Singapore via industry initiatives with tightened end-to-end safe management processes were allowed entry without vaccination. However, they must be fully vaccinated within two months of arrival in Singapore.