Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

On 24 March 2022, the Government announced the launch of the <u>Vaccinated Travel Framework</u> and <u>reopening of land borders between Singapore and Malaysia</u>.

## Vaccinated Travel Framework from 31 March 2022, 2359 hours

2. To further facilitate vaccinated travel, the Government announced the launch of the Vaccinated Travel Framework where countries/regions will be classified as either the "General Travel" or "Restricted" category. Currently, all countries/regions are classified under the "General Travel" category.

## **General Travel Category Border Measures**

- 3. From 31 March 2022, 2359 hours, all fully vaccinated travellers, including migrant domestic workers (MDWs) and confinement nannies (CNs) arriving via air or sea checkpoints from countries/regions in the General Travel category will not need to apply for entry approval or Vaccinated Travel Pass, or take the designated VTL transport. However, a pre-departure test (PDT) within 2 days before departure for Singapore will be required. There is no need to serve a Stay-Home Notice (SHN) or undergo an unsupervised self-swab ART after arriving in Singapore.
- 4. To fulfil the PDT requirement, either a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test or professionally administered ART or ART supervised by licensed Singapore providers (including remotely supervised ART[1]) would be recognised.
- 5. From <u>31 March 2022, 2359 hours</u>, all fully vaccinated travellers, including MDWs/CNs **arriving via land from Malaysia** can enter Singapore without the need to undergo quarantine or predeparture/on-arrival tests.
- 6. All work pass holders entering Singapore must be fully vaccinated before arrival. Please refer to the <a href="mailto:checklist">checklist</a> for fully vaccinated travellers. Unvaccinated and non-fully vaccinated MDWs/CNs will not be permitted to enter. Travellers who are medically exempted from receiving the COVID-19 vaccination will be required to fulfil the following additional requirements:
- a. A pre-departure test within 2 days before arrival in Singapore;
- b. Undergo a 7-day SHN; and
- c. Take a PCR test at the end of the SHN period.
- 7. Entry approvals for MDWs/CNs that had been previously approved to arrive from 31 March 2022, 2359 hours, will be automatically cancelled. Any fee paid for the PCR test, as part of the entry approval application, will be automatically refunded to the credit card used for payment. You should receive the refund by end <u>April 2022</u>.

## **Restricted Category Border Measures**

- 8. In the event of a new variant with a potential to have a significant public health risk, affected countries/regions may be re-classified under the Restricted category. Stringent border measures, regardless of the traveller's vaccination status, can be expected.
- 9. Please visit the SafeTravel website periodically for the latest border measures.

## Update to charging policy and COVID-19 insurance requirement

- 10. The charging policy for Work Permit (including MDWs and CNs) and S Pass holders will be aligned with the revised charging policy for local community cases. This means that the Government will bear the cost of COVID-19 treatment in hospitals and dedicated COVID-19 treatment and recovery facilities. Travellers coming from countries in the Restricted category will be responsible for the cost of their medical bills if they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 within 7 days of their return to Singapore. This is regardless of their vaccination status.
- 11. In view of the revised charging policy, MOM will adjust the 14-day COVID-19 insurance requirement. From <u>25 March 2022</u>, it will no longer be mandatory for employers to purchase the 14-day COVID-19 insurance for their workers, including MDWs and CNs, entering Singapore. Employers may wish to check with their insurers on the coverage of their employees' COVID-19 treatment under their insurance plan and consider whether to purchase additional coverage. Please refer to the STO website <a href="here">here</a> for information on prevailing charging policies.

Yours sincerely

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[1] Travellers who wish to use the remotely supervised ART PDT services licensed in Singapore should refer here for the list of providers and applicable countries/regions.