Dear Key Appointment Holders and EA Personnel,

1. On 31 December 2021, the Government announced (A) extension of the enhanced testing regime for Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) travellers and (B) removal of on-arrival test for non-VTL travellers.

(A) Extension of the enhanced testing regime for VTL travellers

- 2. The enhanced testing regime for all VTL travellers, including migrant domestic workers (MDWs)/confinement nannies (CNs), would be extended beyond 2 January 2022 for another 4 weeks. The enhanced testing regime is summarised below:
 - Pre-Departure Polymerase Chain Reaction test (PDT PCR) or Antigen Rapid Test (ART) within 2 days before departure;
 - On-arrival test[1];
 - Unsupervised self-administered ART on Days 2, 4, 5 and 6; and
 - Supervised self-administered ART on Days 3 and 7 at either a Combined Test Centre (CTC) or Quick Test Centre (QTC)[2].
- 3. VTL travellers can end this testing regime when they test negative during their Day 7 ART.

(B) Removal of on-arrival test for non-VTL travellers

- 4. From <u>7 January 2022, 2359 hours</u>, all non-VTL travellers, including MDWs/CNs entering Singapore from Category II, III and IV countries will no longer need to undergo a PCR test on arrival. Travellers are advised to visit the <u>SafeTravel</u> website for the latest border measures.
- 5. Travellers arriving after the effective date who have paid for their on-arrival PCR test would be refunded.
 - For bookings made at the airport: Changi Airport will automatically refund the test fees 7 working days after the booked arrival date.
 - For bookings made at the land/sea checkpoints: Email sea.checkpoints.refunds@parkwaypantai.com for refund requests.

More details can be found on the SafeTravel website.

Ensure compliance with prevailing measures

- 6. EAs, employers and their MDWs/CNs have a collective duty to fully comply with the entry approval requirements. EAs acting on behalf of employers are reminded to make transport arrangements to pick up their MDWs/CNs at the checkpoints promptly. They should ensure their MDWs/CNs are promptly brought to their place of accommodation to serve their SHN (for non-VTL travellers) or be isolated while waiting for the on-arrival test result (for VTL travellers). MDWs/CNs should not be left to wait at the port of entry for a prolonged period.
- 7. EAs acting on behalf of employers should also ensure that their MDWs/CNs comply with the stipulated isolation and testing protocols (e.g. testing regime and submission of test results for VTL travellers or remaining isolated throughout the SHN period and taking the exit SHN PCR test). Travellers who breach these requirements may have enforcement action taken against them.
- 8. Please share the information with employers to do the same.

9. Let's continue to stay vigilant and keep Singapore safe.

Yours sincerely

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^[1] VTL air travellers will undergo a PCR test and VTL land travellers will undergo an ART. [2] VTL travellers will be provided with a link via their contact details submitted in the Singapore Arrival Card and electronic Health Declaration Card (SGAC/eHDC) to book their supervised tests on Days 3 and 7. Bookings will be on a first-come-first-served basis.