

FAQs for Pilot of Antigen Rapid Tests in Dormitories

Note:

ART positive result is termed “Ag+”;

Two consecutive ART invalid results is termed “re-tested Ag invalid”.

1. Who should undertake the ART test?

Workers who do not have Acute Respiratory Infection (ARI) symptoms (i.e. fever, cough, runny nose and loss of taste/smell).

Workers with ARI symptoms should consult a telemedicine provider via their FWMOMCare app or visit a medical centre (e.g. regional medical centres or SASH PHPC) by reporting sick to their employer or dormitory operator. They should not undertake the ART test.

2. Will the employer have to pay for the ART kits and other necessary public health actions (e.g. conveyance etc)?

The ART test kits will be government-funded for the pilot phase.

The cost of conveyance of Ag+/re-tested Ag invalid workers **will not** be borne by employers during the pilot phase.

3. Can my workers opt out of ART? Can I reschedule their ART test?

No.

Frequent and widespread testing is an important enabler for workers to continue to work at worksites in a safe manner. The ART frequency ensures that it complements the existing RRT regime in detecting cases early and limiting transmission of COVID-19.

4. How will I be informed if my worker’s ART result is positive/re-tested invalid?

ACE officers or dorm operators will be on-site to supervise the entire process. They will contact you immediately if your worker’s ART result is positive/re-tested invalid. Please ensure you remain contactable during the period your workers are undergoing the tests.

5. What do I do if my workers are tested Ag+/re-tested Ag invalid (without ARI symptoms)?

ACE officers or dorm operators will immediately:

- i. isolate them in an isolation room within the dorm
- ii. inform you as the employer
- iii. issue the (a) referral note for confirmatory PCR swab and (b) memo for Ag+/re-tested Ag invalid individuals (reminding workers of their requirement to go for a confirmatory swab and self-isolate until a negative PCR test result)
- iv. arrange transport to send them for a confirmatory PCR test at RSC or SATA CommHealth

- v. convey workers back to their dorm after taking the PCR test, to isolate them in an isolation room until the PCR test result is out

You (their employer) should immediately:

- vi. make adjustments to your migrant worker's schedule accordingly, as he will be isolated in his dorm and will not be able to work until his PCR test result is out

If PCR test result is positive	If PCR test result is negative
It confirms that your worker is infected with COVID-19. MOH will contact the worker on the follow-up actions via a phone call. You will also be informed by MOM.	MOH will inform your migrant worker of his negative result via SMS. Your worker may return to work immediately.