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Dear Employer,

Updated Testing Regime for Fully Vaccinated COVID-19 Recovered Workers

The Ministry of Manpower (MOM) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) have reviewed the testing regime for workers. **With effect from 1 December 2021**, fully vaccinated COVID-19 recovered workers, who are beyond 270 days from their date of infection, will be exempted from the Rostered Routine Testing (RRT). Recovered (vaccinated or unvaccinated) workers¹ within 270 days of their date of COVID-19 infection are already exempted from RRT currently and will continue to be exempted.

2. The revised testing regime takes into consideration that fully vaccinated recovered persons have better protection against the COVID-19 virus, and are at lower risk of symptomatic or severe disease if infected.
3. Table 1 below summarises the testing regime for workers. You may also refer to our [FAQs](#) for details on who are considered as fully vaccinated recovered workers.

Table 1: Updated Testing Regime for Workers

Worker groups	No of days from date of infection	Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) Requirement
Fully vaccinated recovered workers	<u>Within</u> 270 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempted from RRT
	<u>More than</u> 270 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempted from RRT (<i>new</i>)
Unvaccinated recovered workers	<u>Within</u> 270 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exempted from RRT up till 270 days from date of infection
	<u>More than</u> 270 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to undergo RRT: Employer-supervised ART every 3 days
Fully vaccinated workers with no prior COVID-19 infection	N.A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to undergo RRT: Employer-supervised ART every 7 days <p>Except for border-facing workers. They will need to take an employer-supervised ART every 3 days.</p>
Unvaccinated workers with no prior COVID-19 infection	N.A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to undergo RRT: Employer-supervised ART every 3 days

¹ A recovered worker is someone who has been infected with COVID-19 previously, which means he has tested PCR positive previously or tested Serology (Anti-N) positive.

Changes to expect on related MOM mobile applications

4. From 1 December 2021, your workers' vaccination and RRT exemption status will be reflected on the FWMOMCare, Safe@Work, Safe@Dorm and SGWorkPass mobile applications. If your workers are exempted from RRT, you and your workers will no longer see any information on the RRT schedule or alerts on RRT appointments.

Changes to expect for AccessCode

5. **From 15 December 2021**, your workers' AccessCode status will be updated to include the following scenarios:

- a. AccessCode status will be "red", if your workers who are required to undergo RRT and did not attend or do the supervised self-swabs according to their RRT schedule. Your workers will not be allowed to go to work, until they perform and upload the results of the required Antigen Rapid Test (ART) and have their AccessCode status turn "green". Prior to 15 December 2021, we may also conduct audit checks on workers who have not been complying with their RRT schedule.
- b. AccessCode status will be "red", if your workers test positive using the ART. Your workers will not be allowed to go to work, until their AccessCode status is "green" after completing the ART positive recovery protocol. This will apply to all migrant workers, except those who are recovered workers within 270 days of their date of COVID-19 infection and are asymptomatic.

6. As an employer, you should ensure that your workers do their RRT on time and complete their full vaccination regime as soon as possible.

Returning unopened boxes of ART kits

7. If you have workers residing in the dormitories and have been exempted from RRT, you can choose to return unopened boxes of ART kits given to your workers previously. You can return these unused kits at following locations between 9am to 4pm daily:

- Cochrane Recreation Centre
100 Sembawang Drive, Singapore 756998
- Penjuru Recreation Centre
27 Penjuru Walk, Singapore 608538
- Terusan Recreation Centre
1 Jalan Papan, Singapore 619392

Returning of the ART kits is voluntary. Collection ends 19 December 2021.

8. If your workers still have unused ART kits, please remind them to keep the kits. They can use the ART kits to test and monitor their own health if they feel unwell.

9. Please share these [education materials](#) with your workers, to familiarise them with the updated measures. You may also refer to the FAQs for more information. For further queries, please contact us at www.mom.gov.sg/efeedback.

10. Thank you for your support and working with us in our fight against COVID-19.

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