

[UPDATED] FAST AND EASY ROSTERED ROUTINE TESTING FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (PEIs)

Background

1. The Fast and Easy Rostered Routine Testing (“RRT”) regime (previously known as the “Fast and Easy Testing Regime”) was first introduced in late June 2021 to facilitate the early detection of COVID-19 cases and containment of transmission of the virus in the community. However, in line with our shift in focus towards protecting the vulnerable population and managing severe cases, it was announced on 16 February 2022¹ that the RRT regime will be streamlined to focus only on sectors that provide services primarily to persons in vulnerable groups (i.e., healthcare sector, eldercare sector, and sectors providing services to children below 5 years old) and selected essential services. **With effect from 18 February 2022 onwards, all enterprises operating as Private Education Institutions (PEIs) (“Enterprises”) must comply with the mandatory requirements set out in this updated notice. For avoidance of doubt, the mandatory requirements are specified in the paragraphs below prefaced with the words ‘[Mandatory]’**
2. Under the RRT regime, enterprises are required to ensure that their employees and persons who work under their direction (e.g. contractors and subcontractors) undergo regular testing using the COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (“ART”), unless they have fully recovered from a COVID-19 infection **and** are fully vaccinated². Self-employed persons that work in the PEI sector should also ensure that they adhere to the requirements of RRT.
3. The RRT regime and the mandatory requirements set out in this notice are imposed on Enterprises under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020. Failure to comply with the requirements set out herein may result in prosecution and/or other enforcement action, including suspension/closure of operations³. Checks will be conducted by enforcement teams to verify if Enterprises have complied with the mandatory requirements set out in this notice.

¹ https://www.moh.gov.sg/news-highlights/details/resetting-our-measures-to-live-with-the-omicron-variant_16Feb2022.

² **[Updated]** This includes persons who a) recovered from a COVID-19 infection and subsequently receives at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine (two doses if Sinovac or Sinopharm) that has been authorised under the Health Sciences Authority’s Pandemic Special Access Route or listed on the World Health Organisation’s Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) 3 months (but no earlier than 28 days) after date of positive PCR or positive ART obtained under supervised self-swab or administered swab by a licensed provider, or positive serology result given past infection (e.g. for individuals who were infected overseas and were recognised as recovered via a serology test), or, b) have completed their primary COVID-19 vaccination series before being infected with COVID-19 and subsequently recovering from it, or, c) received two doses of Sinovac or Sinopharm, or one dose of Sinovac or Sinopharm vaccine and one dose of any other WHO EUL vaccine before being infected with COVID-19 and recovering from it. Persons who received one dose of COVID-19 vaccine before being infected would need to receive their 2nd dose (3rd dose if Sinovac or Sinopharm) to be exempted.

³ Enterprises are reminded to comply with the other requirements imposed under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 and implement the [Safe Management Measures \(“SMMs”\)](#) as set out on the [COVID Gobusiness website](#). They are also reminded to comply with the relevant [SMMs](#) that have been set out by Government Agencies.

RRT Requirements for Enterprises

4. **[Mandatory]** Enterprises must ensure that the following employees⁴ and persons who work under their direction⁵ or at their premises (collectively, their “**Workers**”) undergo testing by ART once every 7 days (the “**RRT Requirement**”):
 - (a) All individuals in direct contact with children below five years old.
5. To meet the RRT Requirement, Enterprises are permitted to allow their workers to perform ART on themselves without supervision (“**USS**”) subject to paragraph 7 below.
6. Where the Worker has obtained an “AG+” ART test result when complying with the RRT Requirement, Enterprises are strongly recommended to guide the Worker to abide by the prevailing management postures for such cases that are set out on the Ministry of Health’s (“**MOH**”) website at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/>.
7. **[Mandatory]** Enterprises shall ensure that their workers upload their ART test results⁶ onto Sync⁷ in accordance with the following:
 - (1) if the test result is “AG+”, Enterprises are to ensure that the worker upload the test result onto Sync **no later than 12 hours** after the RRT Requirement for that specific Worker is completed;
 - (2) if the test result is “AG-”, Enterprises are to ensure that the worker upload the test result onto Sync **no later than 24 hours** after the RRT Requirement for that specific Worker is completed.

Support for Enterprises conducting RRT

8. The Government will be supplying ART kits to Enterprises until 31 March 2022. Enterprises are required to submit the relevant information using the form at [<https://go.gov.sg/pei-fet>](https://go.gov.sg/pei-fet) (“**Order Form**”). Enterprises that carry out their businesses across multiple premises (e.g. outlets) should submit a consolidated Order Form for all their premises⁸. The ART kits will be delivered to Enterprises on first-come-first-served basis. Enterprises shall only use the ART kits that are supplied by the Government for the RRT Requirement and NOT for any other purpose (e.g. testing of contacts). Enterprises shall not distribute, supply or sell the ART kits supplied by the Government to any third-party. ART kits must be used with prudence and companies need to ensure that one employee only use one test kit for one cycle of the RRT Requirement, unless the test result is AG invalid.

⁴ This includes both full and part-time employees.

⁵ This includes contractors (e.g. cleaners), subcontractors, employees of contractors and subcontractors who work at the workplace. This also includes business owners and store managers that work at the workplace.

⁶ Guidelines on the interpretation of the ART result can be found at **Annex A**.

⁷ Please refer to <https://www.sync.gov.sg> for more details.

⁸ For enterprises with multiple outlets under the same UEN, you may submit your request to create multiple SRS company accounts under the same UEN. However, there must be a unique mobile number and email address used for each account. Enterprises without a UEN can indicate their NRIC in the UEN field instead.

9. After submission of the Order Form, a confirmation email and SMS from a third-party vendor will be sent to your point of contact (POC) with the delivery date within a week.

Support from Enterprises

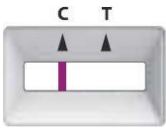
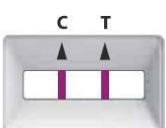
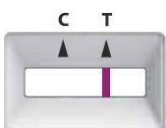


10. The fight against COVID-19 requires the collective effort of everyone in the community. We seek the support and understanding of all Enterprises during this period. We will continue to review and adjust the measures in line with the national posture for the health and well-being of the public and employees.

Annex A: ART Test Results

ART Test Results

1. Workers will be required to undergo ART to satisfy the RRT Requirement. ART kits will return one of three possible test results:
 - (1) negative or “**AG-**”;
 - (2) positive or “**AG+**”; or
 - (3) invalid or “**AG Invalid**”.
2. Workers that obtain an “**AG Invalid**” test result are required to immediately undergo a follow-up ART until they obtain an “**AG+**” or “**AG-**” test result.
3. If a Worker performs ART as part of USS, Image 1 below illustrates how the different test results will be shown on the SD Bio Sensor ART kit (which will be the ART kit distributed to Enterprises). Please note that the lines on the test kit cassette will appear in 15 – 30 minutes (“**Checking Window**”) after the specimen buffer has been added to the test well. Enterprises shall only upload the test results that are shown on the test kit cassette during the Checking Window.

Image 1: Test results on SD Bio Sensor

Negative Test Result ('AG-')	Positive Test Result ('AG+')	Invalid Test Result ('AG Invalid')
 <p><u>Bold</u> marking at 'C' and <u>No</u> marking at 'T'</p>	 <p><u>Bold</u> marking at 'C' and <u>Bold</u> marking at 'T'</p>	 <p><u>No</u> marking at 'C' and <u>Bold</u> marking at 'T'</p>
	 <p><u>Bold</u> marking at 'C' and <u>Faint</u> marking at 'T'</p>	 <p><u>No</u> marking at 'C' and <u>No</u> marking at 'T'</p>

4. If a Worker uses an ART kit other than the SD Bio Sensor ART test kit, Enterprises are to refer to the manufacturer's instructions on how to interpret the test results obtained by their Workers and only upload the test results that are obtained pursuant to these instructions.

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