**CPE 57th Advisory: Updates to Fast and Easy Testing Rostered Routine Testing and Application for Team Sports Pilot for Pre-Tertiary Private Education Institutions**

Dear Sirs,

1. This advisory updates on changes to the Fast and Easy Testing Rostered Routine Testing regime with effect from 1 January 2022, and the extension of the Ministry of Education (MOE) Team Sports Pilot to pre-tertiary Private Education Institutions (PEIs) from 1 January 2022.

**[New] Updates to Fast and Easy Testing Rostered Routine Testing (FET-RRT)**

1. Currently, recovered persons (RPs) from COVID-19 are exempted from FET-RRT on the following basis:
   1. RPs who are not fully vaccinated: Temporary exemption from FET-RRT for 270 days
   2. RPs who are fully vaccinated: Full exemption from FET-RRT
2. The Ministry of Health (MOH) has further reviewed policies for recovered persons, in light of concerns over the transmissibility and heightened reinfection risk of the Omicron variant and to encourage non-fully vaccinated RP to get vaccinated in order to achieve a longer lasting immunity.
3. **From 1 January 2022 onwards, RPs who are not fully vaccinated will no longer be exempted from FET-RRT for any length of time.** Non-fully vaccinated RPs should thus seek to complete their primary series vaccination regime[[1]](#footnote-1) and provide proof of their fully vaccinated status (i.e. 14 days after their completion of the primary series vaccination regime) to be exempted from FET-RRT. For avoidance of doubt, only RPs who are fully vaccinated will continue to be exempted from FET-RRT till further notice.
4. The Government has also extended the period that it will be supplying Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits to enterprises conducting Employer-Supervised Self Swab (ESSS), to 31 March 2022. The replenishment of the ART kits is based on the uploaded test results in the Swab Registration System (SRS) (i.e. actual kit utilisation rate) and auto pushed by the Health Promotion Board (HPB). PEIs who require additional ART kits for non-fully vaccinated RPs for FET-RRT will need to update their nominal roles to include this group of RPs via https://go.gov.sg/moe-fet-update-details as well as http://go.gov.sg/fet-kits to increase the headcount number.

1. In view of these changes, SSG has updated the FET-RRT notice, which is attached in Annex A for PEIs’ reference and compliance.

**[New]** **MOE Team Sports Pilot for Pre-tertiary PEIs**

1. Pre-tertiary PEIs offering full-time pre-tertiary programmes (i.e. full-time students in Secondary or High School level) will be eligible to apply for the ongoing MOE Team Sports Pilot from 1 January 2022. The conditions for the pilot are attached in Annex B.
2. PEIs that wish to apply for the pilot must do so via FormSG at https://go.gov.sg/teamsportspilot to declare that they will adhere to the parameters of the pilot, and any other conditions stipulated in the FormSG. PEIs are advised to apply to SSG at least five working days before the planned activity/event. PEIs may commence the pilot only after receiving an acknowledgement from SSG.
3. Please note that any breach of the conditions/parameters governing the pilot would be subject to enforcement under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020. SSG will also conduct surprise enforcement checks on PEIs.

**Social Responsibility and National Safe Management Measures (SMMs)**

1. All PEIs must continue to abide by prevailing national SMMs. PEIs should also check [www.gov.sg/features/covid-19](http://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19) for the latest updates and advisories.
2. In addition to the above, PEIs are reminded to adhere to the following:
3. Hygiene: High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently, and disinfection of premises should be carried out daily, if not more frequently.
4. Safe distancing: All students and staff are to wear masks at all times[[2]](#footnote-2). There should be staggered arrival and dismissal to reduce congestion and intermingling among students in school and on campus.
5. PEIs should regularly remind all students and staff that if they are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat etc., they should visit a Swab and Send Home (SASH) clinic via private transport for a doctor to assess and advise them on the next steps. Students and staff should adopt safe distancing and good hygiene practices at all times.
6. Please contact us via [CPE\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg) if you require any clarification. Thank you.

**ANNEX A**

26 December 2021

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

1. Since late-June 2021, the Fast and Easy Testing Rostered Routine Testing (“**FET-RRT**”) regime has been progressively rolled out for all higher risk sectors, including for **Private Education Institutions (PEIs).** **With effect from 26 July 2021 onwards, all enterprises operating as 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]’**

**Background**

1. The purpose of the FET-RRT regime is to further reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in settings with unmasked clients, or where services are performed under prolonged and close contact with clients, or where there are frequent interactions with the community. Under the FET-RRT regime, enterprises are required to ensure that their employees and persons who work under their direction (e.g. contractors and subcontractors) undergo regular FET-RRT using the COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test (“**ART**”), regardless of their vaccination or recovery status[[3]](#footnote-3). Self-employed persons working in these settings should also ensure that they adhere to the FET-RRT regime.
2. The FET-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 operations[[4]](#footnote-4). Checks will be conducted by enforcement teams to verify if Enterprises have complied with the mandatory requirements set out in this notice.

**FET-RRT Requirements for Enterprises**

1. **[Mandatory]** Enterprises must ensure that all their employees and persons who work under their direction or at their premises (collectively, “**Workers**”) undergo FET-RRT once every 7 days (the “**FET-RRT Requirement**”):
   1. All individuals teaching in mask-off settings such as dance, singing, wind/brass instruments, voice and theatre training, physical education and other sports-related activities;
   2. All individuals working in a gym and/or fitness studio with individuals who are unmasked;
   3. All cleaners hired directly by Enterprises or contract cleaning staff if they clean in a high-risk settings within the premises of the PEI where individuals are unmasked (e.g. canteens, sports facilities);
   4. All individuals hired directly by Enterprises that operate on-site F&B (e.g. canteen staff); and
   5. All individuals operating in settings with children 12 years old and below
   6. All individuals operating in PEIs that are located within retail malls
2. **[Mandatory]** After their Workers undergo FET-RRT, Enterprises shall verify[[5]](#footnote-5) that Worker’s test results.
3. Where the Worker has obtained an “AG+” test result, Enterprises are strongly recommended to guide the Worker to abide by the prevailing management postures for such cases that are set out on MOH’s website at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/>.
4. To meet the FET-RRT Requirement, Enterprises are to conduct **Employer-Supervised Self-Swab** (“**ESSS**”) for their Workers. Details on how to conduct ESSS are set out in paragraphs 9 to 16 below.

**Requirements for Enterprises conducting ESSS**

1. ESSS involves Workers using an ART kit and performing a swab on themselves under the supervision of a supervisor (“**Supervisor**”). The swabbing and supervision can be done either at the workplace or virtually using tools such as video conferencing.
2. **[Mandatory]** To satisfy the FET-RRT Requirement, Enterprises conducting ESSS for their Workers shall:
3. appoint an adequate number of Supervisors to supervise every Worker whenever they carry out the swabs on themselves;

1. ensure that the Supervisor properly performs his supervisory role[[6]](#footnote-6);
2. ensure that Workers comply with the steps set out in paragraph 13 below and properly perform the swabs on themselves;
3. ensure that the test results obtained by Workers from ESSS are uploaded on the Swab Registration System (“**SRS**”) in accordance with the requirements set out under paragraph 14 below; and
4. Ensure that the ART test kits used for ESSS are those that are set out on the Health Sciences Authority’s website at <https://www.hsa.gov.sg/consumer-safety/articles//details/covid19_selftests>

9A. Where the Workers have obtained an “AG+” test result while conducting ESSS, Enterprises are recommended to strongly encourage them to abide by the prevailing management postures for such cases that are set out on MOH’s website at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/>. The follow-up ART under Protocol 2 does not need to be carried out under supervision and the results do not need to be uploaded to SRS. Enterprises are to use self-sourced ART test kits for the follow-up ART test and not those that have been supplied by the Government under the FET-RRT regime.

*Requirements for Supervisors*

1. **[Mandatory]** If a Supervisor is above 50-years-old, Enterprises must ensure that he or she is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (i.e. they received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination under Singapore’s national vaccination programme and 14 days have passed from the time of the second dose[[7]](#footnote-7)) before they can perform any supervisory role.
2. Enterprises that are conducting ESSS are advised to nominate at least two Workers per outlet to perform the role of the Supervisor.
3. **[***This paragraph is no longer applicable]****.***

*Conduct of ESSS by Workers*

1. **[Mandatory]** Enterprises are required to ensure that their Workers shall:
2. be supervised[[8]](#footnote-8) by a Supervisor whenever they carry out ESSS;
3. use new ART test kits whenever they carry out ESSS; and
4. properly dispose of used ART test kits after they have carried out ESSS[[9]](#footnote-9).

*Uploading of Test Results onto SRS*

1. **[Mandatory]** Enterprises are required to upload the test results obtained by their Workers from ESSS onto SRS in accordance with the following:
2. **[Updated as of 1 November 2021]** if the test result is “AG+”, Enterprises are to upload the test result of that Worker onto SRS **no later than 12 hours** after the ESSS for that specific Worker is completed;
3. if the test result is “AG-”, Enterprises are to upload the test result of that Worker **no later than 24 hours** after the ESSS for that specific Worker is completed; and
4. the requirements set out under paragraphs 4 and 6 of **Annex A-1**.
5. More details on the registration for an SRS account can be found in CPE’s 49th advisory.

**Support for Enterprises conducting ESSS**

1. **[Updated as of 24 December 2021]** The Government will be supplying ART test kits to Enterprises until 31 March 2022. For new enterprises onboarding the FET-RRT regime, to place an order for the ART test kits, Enterprises are required to submit the relevant information using the form at <<https://go.gov.sg/prb4jv>> ("**Order Form**”). Enterprises that carry out their businesses across multiple premises (e.g. outlets) should submit a consolidated Order Form for all their premises[[10]](#footnote-10). The ART test kits will be delivered to Enterprises on first-come-first-served basis. Enterprises shall only use the ART test kits that are supplied by the Government for ESSS and shall not distribute, supply or sell them to any third-party. ART Test Kits must be used with prudence and companies need to ensure that one employee only use one test kit for one cycle of RRT, unless the test result is AG invalid.
2. After submission of the Order Form, a confirmation email and SMS from a third-party vendor will be sent to your POC with the delivery date within a week.
3. The information that is submitted on the Order Form will also be used by the relevant Government agencies to help Enterprises set up an SRS account. Once the SRS account has been set up, your POC will receive an email notification informing them about the creation of the SRS account and how to upload test results onto it.

**Support from Enterprises**

1. 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-1: FET Test Results and the Management of Workers after ESSS

**ANNEX A-1**

**FET Test Results and the Management of Workers after ESSS**

1. Workers will be required to undergo ART to satisfy the FET-RRT Requirement. ART test kits will return one of three possible test results:
2. negative or “**AG-**”;
3. positive or “**AG+**”; or
4. invalid or “**AG Invalid**”.
5. 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.

1. If a Worker undergoes ART at a Quick Test Centre (QTC), they may be issued with a test result slip or sent an SMS stating the test result that they have obtained. Alternatively, the test results of these Workers can also be found on their TraceTogether or HealthHub phone applications.
2. If a Worker undergoes ART as part of ESSS, Image 1 below illustrates how the different test results will be shown on the SD Bio Sensor ART test kit (which will be the ART test 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 onto SRS.

*Image 1: Test results on SD Bio Sensor*

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| **Negative Test Result**  **(‘AG-’)** | **Positive Test Result**  **(‘AG+’)** | **Invalid Test Result**  **(‘AG Invalid’)** |
| Bold marking at ‘C’  and  No marking at ‘T’ | Bold marking at ‘C’  and  Bold marking at ‘T’ | No marking at ‘C’  and  Bold marking at ‘T’ |
|  | Bold marking at ‘C’  and  Faint marking at ‘T’ | No marking at ‘C’  and  No marking at ‘T’ |

1. If a Worker undergoes ART as part of ESSS and 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 onto SRS.
2. If the Enterprise had incorrectly submitted an “AG-/AG+” result for a Worker on SRS, Enterprises are to email to [AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg](mailto:AskSRS@hpb.gov.sg) with the below information:
   1. NRIC
   2. Name
   3. Date of FET test affected by erroneous result
   4. Company/ Employer for FET RRT
   5. Client’s email address
   6. Final result to be displayed (AG+,AG- or Remove Test)
   7. Screenshot of the SMS received (Optional)
3. Enterprises are strongly recommended to guide Workers that obtain “AG+” test results from ESSS to abide by the prevailing management postures for such cases that are set out on MOH’s website at <https://www.moh.gov.sg/>

**ANNEX B**

**Parameters of MOE Team Sports Pilot**

*Who can apply*

1. This MOE Team Sports pilot is applicable to pre-tertiary PEIs offering full-time pre-tertiary programmes (i.e. full-time students in Secondary or High School level). The pilot should be scoped to students in pre-tertiary levels who are fully vaccinated, in alignment with the policy for MOE schools.

*Parameters of pilot*

1. Participants: The pilot will allow a group of up to 10 fully vaccinated students (including players, umpires, linesman etc) to participate in team sports format. For avoidance of doubt, unvaccinated students (including the medically ineligible) and students on Health Risk Warning (HRW) will not be allowed to participate in team sports, due to the risk of infection.
2. Venue: Within the premises of the PEI only[[11]](#footnote-11)
3. Testing Modality: Vaccinated students must conduct a self-administered ART on-site, with the teacher-in-charge present to check the ART test result before the activity commences.
4. Other Safe Management Measures (SMMs):
   1. Players/students must be screened for vaccination status, valid negative ART result taken on site, and visible symptoms (e.g. cough, sneezing, breathlessness, runny nose). Players/students must be turned away if they appear to be unwell.
   2. Players/students are to be masked-up at all times, until it is time to commence strenuous physical activity. Players/students must put on their masks when these activities have ended.
   3. Any equipment provided is to be disinfected before and after each game session, before passing the play area to the next group of players/students.
   4. The premises must be wiped down/sanitised before passing on to the next group of players/students. Ventilate the area after each game session.
   5. Water may be consumed within the play area during rest breaks, but players must put their masks on immediately after consumption.

1. https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/vaccination/faqs---booster-doses [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Children under 6 years old are not required to wear masks. Nonetheless, they are encouraged to wear a mask or face shield. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **[Updated as of 1 January 2022]** All individuals, including those who (a) are fully vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine, (b) have recovered from a COVID-19 infection, or (c) are certified by a medical practitioner to be medically ineligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19, are required to comply with the FET Requirement. Only individuals who have fully recovered from a COVID-19 infection and are fully vaccinated would be exempted from the FET requirement. 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) no earlier than 3 months after date of positive PCR, and b) are fully vaccinated before being infected with COVID-19 and subsequently 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 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](https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures) (“**SMMs**”) as set out on the [COVID Gobusiness website](https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/covid/). They are also reminded to comply with the relevant [SMMs](https://www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/covid-19/safe-distance/#FB) set out by Government Agencies. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Enterprises are required to inspect any physical test result slip, SMS or test kit evidencing the test result of the Worker. It would not be sufficient for Enterprises to rely on oral statements by Workers to fulfill this obligation. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. This includes wearing adequate personal protective equipment and maintaining appropriate infection prevention control procedures while conducting supervision. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Enterprises can consider asking Supervisors to verify their vaccination status via TraceTogether. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. This can be done in person or virtually. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Used test kits should be double-bagged and tied before disposing them in closed bins (e.g. pedal bins). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. 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.  [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. For team sports activities at external venues under the MCCY pilot, e.g. at the designated Community Clubs/Centres (CCs), ActiveSG venues, etc., PEIs will be expected to adhere to the prevailing SportSG SMMs, which is separately administered from this dispensation. More details can be found on the [ActiveSG](https://www.myactivesg.com) and [People’s Association](https://www.pa.gov.sg/team-sports-pilot) websites. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)