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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: National Antigen Rapid Test (ART) Kit Distribution for Students and Staff in MOE Kindergartens and Primary Schools

As Singapore transits to being a COVID-19 resilient nation, prompt testing for COVID-19 infection would become a key measure in managing the COVID-19 pandemic, especially for the preschools and primary schools where most of our student population are not yet medically eligible for vaccination. As part of enhanced testing efforts to ensure the school environment remains safe, we are distributing three Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits¹ each to all students and staff in our MKs and Primary Schools.

2. These ART kits will allow older primary school students to do a quick test by themselves (or with your supervision/assistance for the younger ones) when there is possible exposure or suspicion of possible infection. This includes students who:

- Are identified by their school as possible contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case but were not placed on Quarantine Order;
- Are on Approved Absence as they were feeling unwell with flu-like symptoms, but were not swabbed when visiting the doctor;
- Have unwell household members who have flu-like symptoms.

3. Your child/ward's MK/school will also be engaging you to help you learn how to conduct an ART swab for your child at home. The remaining ART kits should be kept in a clean and safe place for future use.

4. Should the ART result be positive after conducting the swab test, your child/ward should take a confirmatory Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test at the nearest Swab-and-Send-Home (SASH) clinic. Please visit <https://flu.gowhere.gov.sg/> to locate the nearest SASH clinics offering paediatric swab tests for children under 13.

5. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our schools safe.

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¹ For BD Veritor ART Kits Models #256082 and #256089, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has reviewed and approved the extension of their shelf life from 6 to 12 months (e.g. if the labelled expiry date is in October 2021, they are safe to use till April 2022).