

14 October

Dear Employer,

Transition to New Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) for Workers supporting the Marine and Process sectors entering production sites within Marine Shipyards, Process Terminals Jetties and All Personnel Boarding Vessels.

The Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) and Ministry of Manpower (MOM), will be implementing the use of Fast and Easy Tests (FETs) such as Antigen Rapid Tests (ART) to replace PCR for workers from **1 Nov 2021**:

- **Workers who are currently on the 7-Day Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) regime will undergo 3-Day supervised ART swabs, in lieu of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests.**
 - **Workers can conduct their ART swabs supervised virtually by their employers at place of residence, in their dormitories or at place of work and will no longer need to do PCR-RRT.**
 - **ART swab results must be uploaded into Swab Registration System or FWMOMCARE as soon as ART operations is completed.**
 - **Employers must inform EDB (covid_ai@edb.gov.sg) of any Ag+ detected within 6hrs of employers being notified.**
2. The new 3-Day FET-RRT regime will apply to:
- a) Personnel that work at production areas of Marine & Offshore Production worksites (Include all workers in the Marine Industry and workers in the Service industries that support the Marine industry)
 - b) Personnel that work at Process Terminal jetties
 - c) Personnel that board ships or interact with non-local based crew/personnel
 - d) Personnel supporting sector residing in dormitories

Transition to FET-RRT policy

3. RRT remains a critical part of our strategy in mitigating COVID-19 transmission risks in the CMP sectors and in dormitories. The transition from PCR-RRT to FET-RRT will not only enable quick and effective detection of possible COVID-19 infections but also provide greater convenience for employers and workers. The updated testing regimes for vaccinated and unvaccinated workers are summarised in [Table 1](#) below. For full testing regimes for border facing and inward facing groups of workers, please refer to [Annex A](#). For workers on the 14 Day PCR RRT regime requiring to enter border facing worksites and have appointments from 15 Oct onwards cancelled on SRS, you may follow the above FET-RRT protocols from 15 Oct onwards.

Table 1: Testing Regimes for Workers on current 7D RRT regime

Worker groups	PCR-RRT - Current Testing Policy	FET-RRT - Updated Testing Policy from 1 Nov
Workers Entering Production sites in Marine Shipyards, Process Terminal Jetties or on board Vessels regardless of vaccination status	7-Day PCR-RRT + D3 ART	3-Day ART

Whitelisting of workers under EDB sector lead and ART Kits delivery

4. EDB conducted a 1 time whitelisting exercise for companies sector led by EDB to declare workers who are supporting the Marine and Process sectors entering Production sites in Marine Shipyards, Process Terminal Jetties or on board Vessels. Companies are to update the MTI Gobusiness Portal declaration and [submit the nominal roll](#)¹ promptly to prevent any delays in ART kits delivery.

5. Companies are required to update the whitelist declaration in the event of any changes to manpower such as new worker or change of swab eligibility. This will impact the compliance checks of workers who require to adhere to the FET-RRT Regime. This delivery exercise will use the most updated manpower declaration to generate the orders and for subsequent replenishment. If you have planned manpower increase before 31 Dec 2021, please write in to Swab@EDB.gov.sg to request for additional kits.

Delivery of ART Kits to Companies

6. Since 1 Oct, EDB has supplied ART Kits to workers to adhere to the supplementary ART testing between PCR RRT. From 1 Nov, all ART kits for FET-RRT will be fully subsidised by the Government until 31 Dec 2021. Additional ART Kits will be delivered to companies who have completed their whitelist declaration to comply with the FET-RRT Regime.

7. Employers are required to continue to adhere to the latest Vaccination or Regular Test (VoRT) and FET-RRT regimes. For more information, please access our employers guide to FET-RRT [here](#)². For further queries, you may contact your respective sector leads at the contacts below:

Sector Leads' Contact Information

- Manufacturing or services sectors workers staying in dormitories (<http://www.mom.gov.sg/efeedback>)
- Marine and process sectors (swab@edb.gov.sg)

8. For more information about ART, please refer to Annex B below.

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

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¹ <https://go.gov.sg/edb-marine-process-rrt-whitelist>

² <https://file.go.gov.sg/fet-rrt-employers-guide.pdf>

ANNEX A. Mandatory FET Regime

This table shows Inward Facing and Border Facing sectors transiting to FET-RRT with current regime phasing out on 15 Oct and 01 Nov respectively.

Regime	Border Facing			Inward Facing		
	Marine and Offshore Sector, Process Terminals Sector (Mandatory from 1 Nov onwards)			Process Construction and Maintenance (PCM) Sector (Mandatory from 15 Oct onwards)		
RRT and VoRT Who does this apply to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel that work at Marine Offshore Production sites (Include all workers in the Marine Industry and workers in the Service industries that support the Marine industry) Personnel that work at Process Terminal jetties Personnel that board ships or interact with non-local based crew/personnel <i>or</i> Personnel from sector residing in dormitories 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel that work at Process Construction and Maintenance (PCM) sites Personnel that interact with PCM workers at Process Production Sites or Energy & Chemical Plants per prevailing Safe Management Measures <i>or</i> Personnel from sector residing in dormitories 		
Vaccination Status	Vaccinated	Unvaccinated		Vaccinated	Unvaccinated	
MI/ME³	N/A	MI	ME	N/A	MI	ME
New FET-RRT Regimes						
FET RRT⁴ + VoRT (Funded⁵/Unfunded) As the sectors move towards FET RRT progressively, EDB will raise ART Kit Delivery Orders to 1 declared company address based on Nominal Roll of Whitelist Declaration)	ART Every 3 days Regardless of vaccination status (From 1 Nov, FET-RRT will supersede all previous RRT regimes for this Sector.)			Day 7 ART	Day 3 and day 7 ART	Day 3 and day 7 ART
				(From 15 Oct, FET- RRT will supersede all previous RRT regimes for this Sector.) ³		
Current PCR + ART RRT Regimes (Replaced by FET RRT Regime)						
PCR (current)	7D RRT	7D RRT		14D RRT	14D RRT	
ART (current)	Day 3	Day 3		Day 7	Day 7	Day 7
VoRT Regime (Funded⁶/Unfunded)	N/A	Day 3		N/A	Day 3 / Day 7 / Day 11	Day 3 / Day 7 / Day 11

³ MI refers to Medically Ineligible, ME refers to Medically Eligible

⁴ Please reference MOM's advisory "Implementation of New Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) Regime" sent to employers on 10 Oct for more details regarding the new FET-RRT regime for Process, Construction and Maintenance (PCM) Sector.

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ANNEX B

a) For questions regarding ART such as testing modalities, approved supervisor training course, uploading of ART results, ESSS self-swab guide and protocol, etc., please refer to:

<https://go.gov.sg/edb-art-selfswabguide>.

b) For ART reporting, please refer to the following:

ART Compliance for Foreign work pass holders

AccessCode will be used to track the compliance to the mandatory ART requirements and the usage of kits may be subjected to future audit, please upload all ART results for kits used under the VoRT regime via the channels below.

FOR WORKERS ON MANDATORY RRT and VORT (PCR/FET)

1. EMPLOYER LED SUPERVISED SELF SWAB (ESSS)

For All Companies conducting Swab Operations for company registered workers and are not accountable for workers from other companies (e.g. sub contractors)

	Foreign Workers (Dormitory)	Foreign Workers (Non-Dormitory)	Singapore Citizens / Permanent Residents
Upload of ART Results	Via SRSv1 OR SRSv2 Only		

2. DORMITORY RESIDENTS PERFORMING SELF SWAB IN DORM

For dormitory personnel performing self-swab using MOM supplied ART kits within dormitories as supervised by MOM FAST / dormitory operator / designated worker in charge of the room

	Foreign Workers (Dormitory)	Foreign Workers (Non-Dormitory)	Singapore Citizens / Permanent Residents
Upload of ART Results	Via FWMOMCare Only	N/A	N/A

3. SELF SWAB MODEL (SSM)

For Companies that are conducting SSM for ART Swab where company is acting as the Main Sponsor or Contractor to swab workforce of a particular work site (E.g. including visitors and workers who belong to resident, common and sub contractors)

	Foreign Workers (Dormitory)	Foreign Workers (Non-Dormitory)	Singapore Citizens / Permanent Residents
Upload of ART Results	Via SRSv1 OR SRSv2 Only		

c) For Guides on uploading of ART Results: [SRSv1](#), [SRSv2](#), [FWMOMCare \(page 22-27\)](#).

d) Employer must also inform EDB @ covid_ai@edb.gov.sg within 6hrs of employer being notified of Ag+ results.