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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What will the Antigen Rapid Test ART Positive (Ag+) management protocol be for dormitory workers?

A: For Ag+ workers residing in dormitories:

- If your worker tests Ag+ and they are symptomatic, regardless of vaccination status, they will be sent for a confirmatory PCR swab and be isolated while awaiting the result.
- If your worker is asymptomatic and unvaccinated, they will also follow the above process.
- If your workers are asymptomatic and vaccinated, they will be sent to a dormitory recovery facility/or isolated pending conveyance to a community recovery facility. For workers pending conveyance to a community recover facility, MOM officers will be informing the dormitory on the conveyance schedule.
- Ag+ workers will be required to undergo additional ARTs on Days 4 and 7 of his stay.
- If your worker gets a negative test result on either Day 4 or 7, he will be discharged and can return to work. Otherwise, he will be discharged on Day 10.

For more information, companies should refer to the prevailing Ministry of Manpower (MOM's) testing and isolation protocol for dormitory workers.

2. To stem COVID-19 transmission spread and to protect our worksites, are there any precautionary measures which affected workers, who are not issued HRW, but have worked in the same affected work zones with a C+ or Ag+ worker should take?

A: Company can consider implementing Protocol 3 to these workers as a precautionary measure, to protect your worksite and prevent major disruptions to the business operations. Alternatively, company can consider testing these workers on Day 1, Day 4 and D7 using ARTs instead. Given the current COVID mean incubation period is 4 days or less, company can consider scheduling workers to return to work on Day 4,

after they are tested Day 4 ART negative. Day 1 is the notification date of C+ / Ag+ / HRW.

3. What should be done if the non-dormitory workers are tested Pooled Positive (P+)?

A: P+ non-dorm workers are to re-test with ART. If the worker is tested Ag+, follow protocol 2 (for non-dormitory workers). If the worker is tested ART negative (Ag-), he can resume normal activities. If worker is unwell¹ at any point in time, see a doctor immediately.

4. What should be done if the dormitory workers are tested Pooled Positive (P+)?

A: P+ Workers are to re-test with ART. If the worker is tested Ag+, follow protocol 2 (for dormitory workers) in dormitory recovery facility if worker is asymptomatic and vaccinated. If the worker is tested Ag-, he can resume normal activities. Worker who is tested Ag+ and unvaccinated, the worker will undergo a confirmatory PCR test scheduled by MOM ACE. If the worker is unwell at any point in time, see a doctor immediately.

5. Are the companies allowed to implement additional precautionary measures above and beyond the Protocols 1-2-3?

A: Yes, the announced Protocols 1-2-3 serve as the baseline test and isolation protocols. Companies can consider referencing EDB's worksite Risk Assessment Matrix to determine your worksite's risk assessment and implement additional appropriate safety measures.

6. Will there be Public Health Actions (PHA) for Ag+?

A: Public health actions are only required for C+ cases. For example, the disinfection of affected work zones is required when there is a C+ detected at the worksite. If an Ag+ is detected, there is no mandatory PHA. However, companies may wish to clean the areas where the Ag+ had worked as part of the current housekeeping/cleaning regime.

7. Are companies required to submit compliance report for C+ and Ag+ cases?

A: For C+ cases, a compliance report must be submitted to COVID_AI@edb.gov.sg before work can resume. For Ag+ cases, compliance report is not required but companies must notify EDB at COVID_AI@edb.gov.sg within the day. Company is to provide critical information such as the worksite layout showing where the Ag+ had worked in the past 7 days from date of Ag+ results received, to ensure no major disruptions to the operations.

8. Are workers not on HRW allowed to return to work at the C+ affected work zones?

A: These workers can return to work at the affected work zone(s) once the areas are disinfected in accordance to the National Environment Agency's guidelines and after the compliance report is submitted.

¹ Workers who may experience symptoms such as high fever, prolonged cough, diarrhea, etc

9. Where can company find information on disinfection guidelines?

A: Please refer to the Guidelines for Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas Exposed to Confirmed Case(s) of COVID-19 in Non-Healthcare Premises here: <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/guidelines/guidelines-for-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection>