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UPDATE FOR TIER 1 WORKERS ON FAST AND EASY TESTING (FET) ROSTERED ROUTINE TESTING (RRT) AND NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR VESSELS OR SIGNED ON CREW FROM NTL COUNTRIES

References:

   i)   JP Circular No. 98 of 2021 dated 6 December 2021
   ii)   MPA PMC No. 40 of 2021 dated 28 October 2021
   iii)   MPA PMC No. 44 of 2021 dated 2 December 2021
   iv)   MPA PMC No. 45 of 2021 dated 3 December 2021

Dear All,

1.   This circular is to be read in conjunction with the references above. Please note the changes detailed below and the new requirements for vessels or signed on crew from NTL countries.

2.   In view of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, we would like to update you on the following changes to the 3D FET RRT regime for Tier 1 personnel **with immediate effect:**

   a.   **Temporary Suspension of Exemption from 3D FET RRT for Tier 1 Recovered Workers**

         i.   Previously, Tier 1 personnel who have recovered from COVID-19 infection (within the past 270 days after being tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 via a polymerase chain reaction test) were exempted from 3D FET RRT.

   The RRT exemption will be suspended temporarily till further notice.

Tier 1 Workers – 3D FET RRT
1) Shore-based Personnel boarding vessels* in the Port of Singapore (including all JP Terminals) 2) Front line personnel (i.e. boarding agent, land transporter, and etc) who may come into contact with foreign ship crew

* For individuals who go onboard vessels not more than 2 times a month, if they are not already on a 3D FET RRT, they are required to take (i) an ART test within 24 hours prior to boarding, (ii) an ART test within 12 hours upon disembarking the vessel, and (iii) undergo subsequent ART tests on day 3 and day 7.

b. **Tier 1 Personnel to Undergo a Confirmatory COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test After Obtaining a Positive Test Result for ART (AG+)**

i. Companies shall ensure that their Tier 1 personnel undergo a confirmatory COVID-19 PCR test at a Combined Test Centre ("CTC") (this is the previous PCR RRT centers) as soon as possible, within 24 hours of the "**AG+**" test result; and thereafter, self-isolate at home while pending the result of the PCR test.

ii. Any **Tier 1 personnel** who obtained a "**AG+**" test result must **book a slot within 24 hours** for the confirmatory COVID-19 PCR test at the CTC at this link: https://go.gov.sg/confirmatory-pcr-for-travelflw and inform JP immediately via jpfss@jp.com.sg.

3. **Restrictions on Vessels and Signed On Crew arriving in JP from NTL Countries**

a. With immediate effect, MPA's approval is required for all shore-based personnel (refers to all persons from shore who intends to board the vessel, other than MPA-licensed harbour pilots, authorised government officers, and authorised persons involved in the loading and unloading operations at cargo/oil terminals i.e. stevedores, loading masters, and cargo surveyors) who intends to board the following vessels:

i. Vessels that had called at any of the NTL countries as listed in Annex A or

ii. Vessels that had signed on crew from any of the NTL countries listed in Annex A within the last 14 days.

b. Application shall be submitted to Andrew Leong via andrew_leong@mpa.gov.sg with the following information:

    i. Purpose of boarding,

    ii. Particulars of shore-personnel who are boarding the vessel.

c. Upon disembarking from these vessels, the individual is required to carry out 3 PCR tests i) immediately upon disembarking, ii) Day 3 and iii) Day 7.

d. **Non-fully vaccinated personnel will not be allowed to board any vessels in the port.**

4. Together, we can all do our part to ensure that our workplace is safe and secure for the continuation of business operations.

5. Should you have any concerns or queries, please contact JP's WSH Approval team at jpfss@jp.com.sg or our Customer Service at jpcss@jp.com.sg / 6413 9600.

6. Thank you and stay safe.

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List of NTL Countries

1. Botswana

2. Eswatini

3. Lesotho

4. Mozambique

5. Namibia

6. South Africa

7. Zimbabwe

8. Ghana

9. Nigeria

10. Malawi