

CAAS Circular 2021/71

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**GUIDANCE ON CREW DEPLOYMENT IN RELATION TO HEALTH PROTOCOLS
ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

This Circular provides guidance to all Singapore air operators on the implementation of paragraph 6(b) of CAAS Directive 9/2020 (“the Directive”) regarding crew deployment in view of the Health Protocols established by the Ministry of Health (“MOH”).

2 Pursuant to paragraph 6(b) of the Directive, a crew member who is required to comply with any protocol established by the MOH for testing and isolation must be relieved from flight duty during the following periods:

- (a) in the case of a crew member who is under Protocol 1 (person who tests positive for COVID-19 and is unwell): between the date of issuance of an Isolation Order and the date that the crew member is discharged as specified in the discharge order issued by MOH;
- (b) in the case of a crew member who is under Protocol 2 (person who tests positive for COVID-19 and is well): from the commencement of the crew member’s 72-hour isolation period to a day, after the 72-hour isolation period, when the crew member obtains a negative Antigen Rapid Test (“ART”) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (“PCR”) test result;
- (c) in the case of a crew member who is under Protocol 3 (person who is identified by MOH as a close contact of an infected person and is issued with a Health Risk Warning): during the crew member’s 7-day isolation period, unless the crew member obtains, on any day during that isolation period, a negative ART or PCR test result.

3 The Singapore air operator must verify the following before deploying an affected crew member for flight duty:

- (a) that the crew member mentioned in paragraph 2(a) has received a discharge order from MOH;
- (b) that the crew member mentioned in paragraph 2(b) or 2(c) has received a negative ART or PCR result.

4 Singapore air operators are advised to refer to the official MOH Health Protocols at www.covid.gov.sg, and should make their own assessment whether to deploy for flight duty a crew member who is under Protocol 2 or Protocol 3 and whose ART or PCR test result is negative, taking into consideration the public health and border measures at the destination of the flight.

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