

CAAS Circular 2021/47

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REVISED STAND DOWN PROTOCOL FOR WORKERS ON POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION ROSTERED ROUTINE TESTING (PCR RRT)

This circular updates employers on the revised MOH stand down protocol for workers on PCR RRT.

2 Stand down protocols are put in place to test that workers leaving high risk workplaces are free from COVID-19 infection.

3 The current stand down protocol is for employers to schedule a PCR swab within 2 days before the last day of work and another PCR swab 11 to 14 days after their last day of work. With effect from 9 Aug 2021, employers shall implement the revised stand down protocol by scheduling the last PCR swab within 2 days before the last day of work, followed by Antigen Rapid Test (ART) unsupervised self-tests on days 3, 5, 7 and 11 post the last day of work. For example, if an employee's last day of work at the higher-risk work setting is on 1 Sep, he/she should be scheduled for a PCR swab on either 30 or 31 Aug and conduct ART self-tests on 4, 6, 8, 12 Sep. Guides to ART self-test kits, including information on what to do in the event of an ART-positive result can be found at <https://go.gov.sg/selftestart>.

4 Employers are strongly recommended to implement the stand down protocol and shall provide 4 ART self-test kits for their departing or re-deployed employees. The ART kits should be funded by the departing company as part of new business cost.

5 Enquiries may be made to CAAS at CAAS_RRT_Helpdesk@caas.gov.sg.

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