

Frequently Asked Questions (Additional 7-day testing regime)

1. **Who will pay for the additional cost at the dedicated facility?**
 - a. The Government will bear the costs for the additional accommodation and tests for foreign employee(s). It will be reviewed at a later stage.
2. **Do employers need to arrange for meals for their employees at the designated facility?**
 - a. Daily meals will be provided at the selected facility by the government for now. It will be reviewed and updated at a later stage.
3. **How can employers arrange for their employees to go to work during the 7 days? Are employers required to provide separate transport arrangements for these employees?**
 - a. Employers are required to arrange for dedicated transportation to ferry their employees from the designated facilities to the worksites and back after.
4. **Are employers required to segregate these employees from the rest of the employees at the worksite?**
 - a. At the work site, workers will need to adhere to strict Safe Management Measures. Employers are also encouraged to limit intermixing this group of employees with the other employees as far as possible.
5. **Why is there a need for foreign employees to be moved to a designated facility for the additional 7-Day testing? Can they just extend their SHN with the additional tests?**
 - a. As the Ministry of Manpower has started approving the entry of a larger number of foreign employees into Singapore, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce considers it prudent to further reduce the risk of a missed COVID-19 positive case entering the dormitories and starting a new cluster. Hence the government introduced this 7-day additional testing regime which took effect from 6 January for all newly arrived foreign employees approved for entry into Singapore and staying in dormitories. The number of employees on this regime will largely be dependent on the number of incoming employees' applications.

During the 7-day testing regime, the foreign workers will stay at a designated facility, such as Government decant sites or Quick Build Dormitories where frequent testing can be efficiently organised so that the worker can go to work. SDF is a dedicated facility used for isolating individuals, but as these workers are at lower risk having cleared their isolation period, they do not need to be isolated and can go to work. Hence, they do not need to continue staying at SDF.
6. **What is the testing regime and why is there a need for additional testing after the initial 14 days?**

- a. Employees will undergo COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test and/or COVID-19 antigen rapid tests (ART) as part of this additional 7-day regime. This will further reduce any risk of existing dormitory residents coming into close contact with an imported COVID-positive case. In turn, this will minimize work disruptions for the foreign employees and employers. Under the new testing regime, newly arrived foreign employees will undergo a PCR swab at Day 12 of their standard 14-day SHN. From Day 15 to Day 19, there will be ART swab tests and a PCR exit swab test.

7. Will the new requirement apply to foreign employees who will be staying in dormitories but do not need to go through a 14-Day SHN upon arrival into Singapore?

- a. No, the additional 7-day testing regime is only for foreign employees arriving from higher-risk countries/regions who are subject to a 14-day SHN upon arrival.

It will not apply to foreign employees arriving from lower-risk countries/regions who are either required to take a COVID-19 test upon arrival or serve a 7-day SHN with a COVID-19 test administered at the end of their SHN. These foreign employees can move into the dormitories after their COVID-19 test is negative and when their SHN, if any, is completed.

Please refer [here](#) for the list of countries whose foreign employees are subject to this requirement.

8. Do employers need to transport employees from the SHN Dedicated Facility (SDF) after completing their 14-day SHN to the designated facility for the additional 7-day stay?

- a. The government will arrange for the employees to be transported to the designated facility after they complete their 14-day SHN.

9. Can employers arrange for their employees who are undergoing this additional 7 days testing to go for medical examination and fingerprinting?

- a. Yes, employees are allowed to go for their medical examination and fingerprinting during the period of additional 7 days testing period. Employees should observe safe distancing measures.

10. Do employers have to arrange transportation to pick up the workers after completion of the 7-day testing regime?

- a. Employers are required to pick up their workers from the designated facility to the dormitories at the end of the 7-day testing regime. Employers will be informed via email or phone for this.

11. When can I pick up my foreign employee(s) checking out from the designated facility?

- a. You can pick up your foreign employee(s) from the designated facility after they have completed the exit PCR swab on the 7th day. We estimate this to be after 2pm. To minimise waiting, we advise that you check with your foreign employee(s) to ensure he/she has attended the swab and, to verify if they have completed their exit swabs that before heading to the designated facility.

12. Should you need to contact your foreign employee or have any queries, please contact the designated facilities' managing agent using the following contact numbers:

S/N	Designated Facility	Email Address	Contact Number
1	11/15 Tuas Road	opstuard@tsgrp.com.sg	Silvester (89493486) Sikander (90607821)
2	6 Neythal Road	opsneythal@tsgrp.com.sg	Ismail (87927922) Clinton (89390035)
3	105 Gul Circle	opsgulcircule@tsgrp.com.sg	Geoffrey (98243122) Harizam (83863962)
4	36 Sungei Kadut	ops36sgk1@tsgrp.com.sg	Don (96637655) Covan (98479554)
5	BCA Jurong Apartment	christina.goh@cwservices.com	Christine (96835044) Ops phone (68633607)
6	CSC @ Changi (II)	changi2@csc.sg	Duty Phone (96223097)
7	Swiss Cottage	harjono.kasrin@lhngroup.com.sg	Harjono Kasrin (98153871)