

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR ATTENDEES/PATRONS

A. Basic facts about Pre-Event Testing (“PET”)

1. What is Pre-Event Testing (“PET”)?

- A “Pre-Event Test” refers to a COVID-19 test taken by an attendee or patron who wishes to enter a venue where selected events, businesses, or activities are being held. This attendee or patron must have a valid negative COVID-19 test result taken within a specified period, before being allowed to enter the venue or participate in the event, business, or activity.

2. Why is PET required?

- PET helps to reduce the risk of individuals infected with COVID-19 from transmitting the virus to other people at the event, and hence reduces the likelihood of an outbreak occurring at events, businesses, or activities. This allows more of such activities to resume safely, in particular those with larger numbers of attendees or patrons.

3. Which COVID-19 test should I take for the purposes of PET?

- There are 2 types of COVID-19 tests: an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) and a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test.
- You are strongly encouraged to **take an ART from a MOH-approved COVID-19 test provider** listed [here](#).
ART’s **quicker turnaround time** gives you more assurance that your visit to the venues of the event, business, or activity can be covered by the remaining validity period of the test, after receiving the result. For clarity, the time from swab registration to notification of results is typically around 30 minutes for ART but take up to 48 hours for PCR tests.
- Only ART tests administered or supervised by MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers will be recognised for admission into events, businesses, or activities. This excludes any self-administered ART test, regardless of whether they were supervised.

4. How long before entering the venue of the event, business, or activity should I get tested?

- The validity of your negative COVID-19 test result is only valid for 24 hours from the time you were registered in-person at the testing premises. As long as the result is still valid, you may enter and stay in the premise of the event, business, or activity. Hence, you must get tested:
 - a) Before the start of your visit to the event, business, or activity; and
 - b) At most 24 hours before the end of your attendance at the event, business, or activity.
- The examples set out in [Diagram 1](#) below illustrate how far in advance you should get tested before attending/patronising an event, business, or activity.

Diagram 1: Worked Examples for when an attendee/ patron should be tested



- ✳️ (a) **Attending/Patronising only Event A (23 May 12-1pm):** Attendee/Patron must be tested between 22 May 1pm and 23 May 12pm.
 - ✳️✳️ (b) **Attending/Patronising both Event A + Event B (23 May 12pm – 23 May 7pm):** If attendee/patron gets tested before 22 May 7pm, he/she will have to obtain a second negative test result as the COVID-19 Test Result Notice has to cover him/her till end of the visit to Event B. If attendee/patron gets tested between 22 May 7pm and 23 May 12pm, one test will suffice.
 - ✳️✳️✳️ (c) **Attending/Patronising Event A + B + C (23 May 12pm – 24 May 10pm):** Attendee/Patron will have to obtain at least 2 negative COVID-19 Test Result Notices.
- Individuals may check their TraceTogether App for the validity period of their negative COVID-19 test result.

5. What is considered acceptable proof of my test result, for me to attend an event, business, or activity?

- Please tap your TraceTogether application or token against the Event Organiser’s/Relevant Enterprises’ mobile device running SafeEntry (Business) app during check-in. The last 4 alphanumeric of your government-issued identification number, vaccination and test status will be displayed.
- Alternative documents listed in Annex A will be accepted for verification in the event where (list not exhaustive):
 - a) SafeEntry (Business) app is not deployed at the premise and you are a TraceTogether Token user;
 - b) HealthHub app reflects a different vaccination status from your TraceTogether and SafeEntry (Business) app
- Any other documents, copies, variations in format (including screenshots and pictures) will not be recognised by Event Organisers/Relevant Enterprises.

6. I already have a negative ART, or PCR test result. Can I use that to attend an event, business or activity that requires PET?

- You may use it if the negative result is within the 24-hour validity window. However, only ART tests administered or supervised by MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers will be recognised for admission into events, businesses, or activities. Negative results obtained from self-administered ART test and self-administered ART test performed under supervision by parties other than MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers are not exempted from PET.

7. I already have a negative ART, or PCR test result. Can it be used for entry across multiple events, businesses, or activities?

- The same test result can be used for entry to multiple events, businesses, or activities, as long as the validity period covers the entire duration.
- However, we strongly recommend against going to multiple events, businesses, or activities within 24 hours. While the PET and Safe Management Measures (SMM) serve to reduce the risk of transmissions, they are not entirely risk free. Event-hopping

or attending multiple events or activities could put you at higher risk of being infected or transmitting infection, as we have seen in several overseas clusters.

8. Will I need to be tested daily if I am attending the same event, business, or activity across multiple days?

- Yes. The negative COVID-19 Test Result is only valid for 24 hours from the time that you were registered at the testing premises. You will not be allowed to remain at the venue of the event, business, or activity when your Test Result Notice expires. Doing so would be an offence. See [Question 25](#) for more details.

9. I have undergone an ART test at a Quick Test Centre. Will my negative ART result be recognised for entry into event, business or activity that requires PET?

- Individuals with negative ART results obtained from QTCs (licensed providers) are recognised for PET if the test was taken in the last 24 hours and covers the duration of the event, business, or activity.

B. Exemption from PET

10. Can I be exempted from PET?

- You may be exempted from PET and can gain entry to events, businesses, or activities requiring mandatory PET without undergoing PET, if you meet one of the following criteria:
 - (a) Fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen or World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines (e.g. Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty, Moderna, AstraZeneca-SKBio, Serum Institute of India, Janssen, Sinopharm, Sinovac-CoronaVac) including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective (please refer to summary in Annex A of VDS Information Sheet), and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
 - (b) Recovered from COVID-19 less than 270 days of first positive Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test result obtained in;
 - (c) Has a negative result on a pre-event test (PET) by an MOH-approved COVID-19 Test Provider in the past 24 hours, covering the duration of the stipulated activity.
 - (d) Children aged 12 years and below, who are not eligible for vaccines currently under the National Vaccination Programme (subject to the prevailing cap on the overall attendance). If there is more than one child in the group of up to 5 persons, all children must belong to the same household.

11. I have received my COVID-19 vaccination. Can I be exempted from PET?

- You are exempted from PET if you been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen or World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines (e.g. Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty, Moderna, AstraZeneca-SKBio, Serum Institute of India, Janssen, Sinopharm, Sinovac-CoronaVac) including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective (please refer to summary

in Annex A of VDS Information Sheet), and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems.

- You will need to bring along your mobile device with call or internet service, or updated TraceTogether (TT) app on the day of the event, business, or activity. If you do not have a mobile device, please bring along your working TraceTogether token. The event organiser or venue staff will be able to retrieve vaccination status directly from MOH's database using the SafeEntry (Business) app.

12. I have taken COVID-19 vaccination(s) overseas. Can I be exempted from PET?

- Singapore Citizens (SCs), Permanent Residents (PRs), and Long-Term (LT) Pass (e.g. Long-Term Visitor Pass, Work Permit, Employment Pass, S pass, and dependent pass holders) Holders (LTPHs) with vaccination records in Singapore's National Immunisation Registry overseas are exempted from PET. More details can be found on [MOH's Post Vaccination Matters](#) website.
- Newly arrived SCs, PRs, LT, Short-Term Visit Pass (STVP) Holders would be exempted from PET, **if you produce a valid tamper proof, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) issued vaccination sticker on your passport¹ or a valid negative result²**. These stickers would be valid until the end of your STVP validity or until 30 September 2021, 2359hrs, whichever is earlier.
- By September, the IT systems will be enhanced such that you, upon verification of your eligible vaccination status at entry, will also be recognised by SafeEntry (Business) App through your TraceTogether app/ Token and can be exempted from PET.

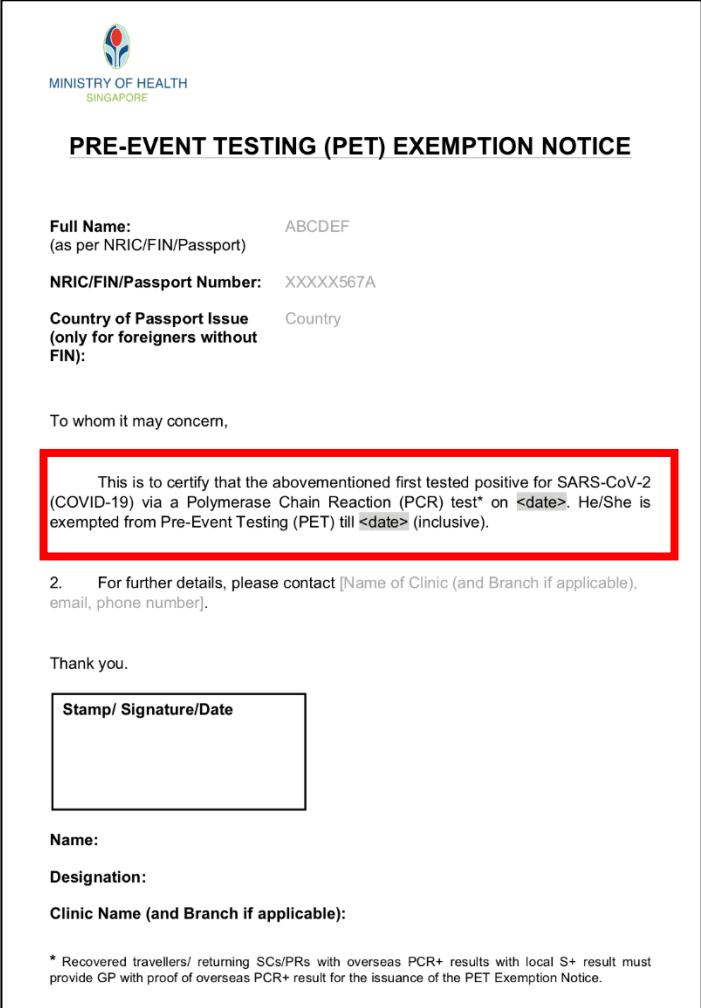
13. I have recovered from COVID-19. Can I be exempted from PET?

- You are exempted from PET if you have recovered from COVID-19, i.e. less than 270 days of first positive PCR test result obtained in Singapore.
- You will need to obtain a PET Exemption Notice from any clinic offering ART or PCR testing services listed [here](#).
- You can also use your Discharge Memo as proof of recovery if it states the first PCR date.
- With the PET Exemption Notice or Discharge Memo, you will be allowed to enter or remain at the venue of the event, business, or activity, as long as it is within the validity period specified in the Notice. You are required to provide original Government-issued photo identification (e.g. NRIC/FIN/Passport) so that the Event Organisers/Relevant Enterprises for verification purposes.
- Images of the PET Exemption Notice and Discharge Memo are displayed in Table 1 below. Any other documents, copies, variations in format (including screenshots and pictures) will not be recognised by Event Organisers/Relevant Enterprises.

¹ Eligible travellers are those who (i) were fully vaccinated overseas with a WHO-EUL vaccine, and (ii) who can provide a valid, English-language vaccination certificate. Travellers should have their vaccination certificates when seeking assistance from ICA at checkpoints upon arrival.

² A valid negative ART or PCR Test result refers to a PCR or ART test administered or supervised by MOH-approved COVID-19 Test Providers. Negative results obtained from self-administered ART test and self-administered ART test performed under supervision by parties other than MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers are not recognised as PET.

Table 1: PET Exemption Notice for entry into events, businesses, and activities


Acceptable Documents	Images
<p>PET Exemption Notice</p> <p>This will be issued by any clinics offering ART or PCR testing services in printed, hard-copy form.</p> <p>Ensure that your PET Exemption Notice is valid for the duration of the event.</p>	 <p>PRE-EVENT TESTING (PET) EXEMPTION NOTICE</p> <p>Full Name: ABCDEF (as per NRIC/FIN/Passport)</p> <p>NRIC/FIN/Passport Number: XXXXX567A</p> <p>Country of Passport Issue (only for foreigners without FIN): Country</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>This is to certify that the abovementioned first tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) via a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test* on <date>. He/She is exempted from Pre-Event Testing (PET) till <date> (inclusive).</p> <p>2. For further details, please contact [Name of Clinic (and Branch if applicable), email, phone number].</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Stamp/ Signature/Date</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Designation:</p> <p>Clinic Name (and Branch if applicable):</p> <p>* Recovered travellers/ returning SCs/PRs with overseas PCR+ results with local S+ result must provide GP with proof of overseas PCR+ result for the issuance of the PET Exemption Notice.</p>

Discharge Memo

This will be issued at point discharge from medical facility in printed, hard-copy form.

Verify if the memo belongs to the individual by checking against the his/ her Government-issued photo identification.

Event Organisers/Relevant Enterprises to ensure that the duration of the activity is within the 270 days exemption period calculated from the date of the 1st PCR test.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH
SINGAPORE

DISCHARGE MEMO

Name of Patient: _____

NRIC/FIN: _____

To whom it may concern,

The abovementioned patient first tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) via a PCR test on _____ and was isolated under the Infectious Diseases Act. The abovementioned patient was discharged on _____.

The abovementioned patient has since completed the necessary period of isolation for the treatment of COVID-19 and is **no longer infectious**. He is exempted from Pre-Event Testing until <date>.

[Please indicate N.A if not applicable]
The abovementioned patient has also been given a leave of absence¹ to rest and recover at his/her place of residence until _____.

Thank you.

For any queries, please contact the MOH Emergency Line at 1800 333 9999 or email to moh_qsm@moh.gov.sg.

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¹ During the period of the Leave of Absence, you should remain in your place of accommodation/ residence as much as possible, and only leave your place of accommodation/residence for essentials (e.g. food and groceries, urgent medical treatment). If you have a prior non-pressing medical appointment, you should call your healthcare provider and inform them that you are on Leave of Absence, so that they can assist to reschedule your appointment.

After your Leave of Absence is over, you may report back to work, subject to prevailing safe distancing measures imposed by the Government.

14. Am I still required to undergo PET if I'm on Rostered Routine Testing (RRT)?

- If your latest RRT test result is negative (either ART-negative, or PCR-negative, or pooled PCR-negative), conducted by a MOH-approved COVID-19 test provider (see [here](#)) and is within the 24 hours validity period, you can use it to gain entry into the event, business or activity.

15. Are children exempted from PET?

- Children aged 12 years and below, who are not eligible for vaccines currently under the National Vaccination Programme, are exempted from PET (subject to the prevailing cap on the overall attendance).
- Children aged 13 years and above will be subjected to PET if not fully vaccinated. If the approved test provider is not comfortable with swabbing children or if you expect your children to resist swabbing, you should seek testing services for your children from a clinic that can swab children of that age (see [here](#) for a list of providers and the ages they are able to swab).
- Alternatively, you may consider not bringing children to the event, business, or activity if you anticipate that testing them will be challenging.

16. Do I need to undergo PET if my visit to the event, business, or activity starts within my PET exemption period but ends after the exemption period?

- Yes. To remain at the venue of the event, business, or activity, you must obtain a new COVID-19 Test Result Notice before the validity period of your PET Exemption Notice ends.

C. ART

17. What must I bring with me when going to get tested?

- You are required to bring an internet-enabled mobile device with SMS service for results notification, as well as your original Government-issued photo identification documents (e.g. NRIC, employment pass, passport) as proof of your identity.

18. How long is the entire ART process?

- For most attendees/patrons, the time of registration at the testing premises to the time of results notification should not take longer than an hour.
- Key event attendees/patrons (e.g. wedding couple/speakers/emcees) may wish to get your ART conducted at these [clinics](#). These clinics have access to rapid PCR testing facilities (with approximately 3 hours) in the event that are you tested ART-positive and require a confirmatory PCR test. Please take note that the cost of all rapid PCR tests are self-funded and will not be borne by the Government.

19. What happens during an ART?

- The exact test procedure varies between test kits and approved test providers.
- One sample test workflow is as follows: After registration, you will be directed to a sample collection area where a swabber will ask you to lower your mask, just enough to expose your nostrils. The swabber will then insert a swab stick 2.5 cm up one nostril, and rotate it for 5 times, and leaving it in for an additional 5 seconds thereafter. The process is repeated for the other nostril.
- Once obtained, the sample is tested, and the test results are subsequently read and submitted. The entire process from registration to result notification may take up to an hour.
- For more details, you can see the ART video [here](#).

20. What should I do if I test ART-positive or twice- invalid³?

- An ART-positive or twice-invalid result suggests that you may have been infected with COVID-19 and must seek a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible and self-isolate until you are tested PCR negative. **You must follow up with only a confirmatory PCR test and you must not obtain another COVID-19 Antigen Test**, Even if you do subsequently obtain an ART-negative result, you will not be permitted entry until you have obtained a negative PCR result.
- If a confirmatory PCR test is available at the same location as where the ART was administered and you wish to have it administered there, you must notify the approved test provider and self-isolate immediately in the designated isolation area until the confirmatory PCR test is administered by your approved test provider.

³ 'An ART 'twice-invalid' test result means that your sample(s) has been tested twice by an ART provider and in there was no conclusive finding in both instances as to whether the you tested positive or negative. Anyone who tests twice-invalid is subject to the same requirements as an someone who tests ART-positive.

- Alternatively, the approved test provider must issue you with a referral document entitled 'Referral for Confirmatory PCR Test', which may be used to obtain a Government-funded confirmatory PCR test at any Swab-And-Send-Home (SASH) Public Health Preparedness Clinic (PHPC) or at a Regional Screening Centre (RSC) if your approved test provider has booked a PCR test appointment for you.
- After receiving the referral document, you must immediately return to your place of accommodation (via private transport or via taxi/private hire vehicles with the windows rolled down) and self-isolate there. You may only leave your place of accommodation to undergo the confirmatory PCR test, or if it is necessary for the purposes of seeking medical treatment.
- If you were referred by the approved test provider to a SASH PHPC, you should make an earliest appointment with a SASH PHPC to obtain a Government-funded confirmatory PCR test.
- If you were referred to a RSC by the approved test provider, you should show up at the respective RSC at their appointment time as indicated on your appointment slip.
- If the result of the confirmatory PCR test indicates that you are negative for COVID-19 infection, you can stop your self-isolation. If the result is positive or presumptive-positive, you are to continue your self-isolation and await a phone call from MOH, which will provide instructions on the follow-up actions required.
- You may also obtain your confirmatory PCR tests at the venue where you tested ART-positive/ART-invalid if the Event Organisers/Relevant Enterprises had arranged for PCR swab services to be provided at the same location.

21. What should I do if I feel unwell?

- If you feel unwell, please seek advice from a medical professional as soon as possible for further assessment. You will not be able to take ART if you display any acute respiratory infection symptoms such as cough or fever.
- Please avoid attending an event, business, or activity when unwell.

D. Payment

22. Will the government pay for PET?

- No. You are responsible for paying for your own PET.
- For indicative ART or PCR costs, please refer to the list of COVID-19 swab providers [here](#).
- Please contact the Event Organiser/Relevant Enterprise to enquire about any fees involved if testing is provided at their venue.

23. Will the government pay for the confirmatory PCR test for those who test positive/twice-invalid on an ART?

- If you test ART-positive or twice-invalid, you may obtain a Government-funded confirmatory PCR test at any SASH PHPC clinic. To obtain the Government-funded PCR test, you will be required to present a standard MOH referral document issued by the approved test provider. Do note that it may take up to 48 hours for results to be available.
- You may also obtain your confirmatory PCR test from a non-SASH Test Provider, but these tests will not be funded by the government.

- Some test providers may offer you with an option to undergo PCR tests with fast turnaround times (within a few hours or less). Please note that these tests will not be funded by the government.

24. Do I get a refund if I get denied entry to the event, business, or activity from testing ART-positive / twice-invalid, or from not having a valid PET Exemption Notice?

- Please enquire with your Event Organiser/Relevant Enterprise.

E. Penalties

25. What are the penalties for entering or remaining in an event, business, or activity that requires PET if I fail to provide the required documents?

- You will be denied entry into or be asked to leave the venue if you are unable to provide the required documents.
- If you are found to have deliberately misrepresented yourself and/or others (e.g. including but not limited to the provision of false or misleading verification documents and/or information), you may be subject to enforcement action under the Penal Code, Infectious Diseases Act and/or other COVID-19 legislation.

F. Miscellaneous

26. Will I need to observe Safe Management Measures (SMMs), even when everyone at the event, business or activity has tested negative?

- Yes, PET does not replace the need for SMMs. The tests reduce the probability that an infected person enter the venue. If an infected person tests antigen negative (i.e. false negative) and enters the venues of the event, business, or activity, SMMs will reduce the likelihood of him/her transmitting the virus to other people at the venue and sparking off a large cluster of infections. Both PET and SMMs continue to be the key measures that Singapore has implemented to stem the spread of COVID-19 as we open our economy and society further.

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