

Dear Associations / Partners,

We will appreciate if you could disseminate the following advisory to your members.

Thank you.

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Dear Employers

The Ministry of Manpower received feedback from hospitals that employers were dropping off workers to have them tested for COVID-19 (2019 novel coronavirus).

2 We would like to remind employers that:

- i) Hospitals will not be administering the COVID-19 tests to individuals who are well. This is to ensure that medical facilities and resources are focused on unwell individuals who need medical treatment.
- ii) **Do not send workers to hospitals unless it is a medical emergency.** If the worker is unwell, employers should send him to a general practitioner to seek medical attention, who will make a proper assessment on whether the worker needs to be sent to the hospital.
- iii) Employers should monitor the health of their workers by checking their temperatures twice daily and remind them to observe good personal hygiene such as washing their hands with soap frequently.

3 Our hospitals are working hard to ensure that medical emergencies are handled promptly. We encourage you to be socially responsible and only send workers to the hospital if it is a medical emergency as doing so otherwise will deny immediate treatment to those who need it. Employers who act irresponsibly by misusing medical facility may have their work pass privileges suspended.

Yours sincerely

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