

# **Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 — Stay Orders) Regulations 2020**

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## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)**

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASES (COVID-19 — STAY ORDERS) REGULATIONS 2020**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Infectious Diseases Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation**

**1.** These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 — Stay Orders) Regulations 2020.

## Definitions

### 2.—(1) In these Regulations —

“antigen rapid test” or “ART” means an antigen rapid test carried out in Singapore in relation to an individual, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in that individual;

*[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]*

“at-risk individual” means an individual who —

- (a) on or after 26 March 2020, enters Singapore (by land, sea or air) from a country or territory outside Singapore;
- (b) comes into contact or has come into contact with any other individual who is, or is suspected to be, infected with COVID-19;
- (c) has undergone a PCR test and the test result is pending or uncertain; or
- (d) on or after 26 March 2020, appears to the specified person to be or have been exposed to the risk of becoming infected with, or a carrier of, COVID-19;

“authorised accommodation worker” means an individual who is —

- (a) deployed at work in a place of accommodation providing any sleeping facilities and residential accommodation in the course of any business; and
- (b) authorised by a specified person to exercise a power under these Regulations;

*[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]*

“COVID-19” means the infectious disease known as Coronavirus Disease 2019;

“mode of transport” does not include passenger travel by air or sea, or passenger travel on a rapid transit system or a bus;

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“PCR test” means a polymerase chain reaction test carried out in Singapore in relation to an individual, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in that individual;

*[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]*

“place of accommodation”, for an individual, means —

- (a) a house or flat in Singapore that is the individual’s home in Singapore or a room which is within that house or flat;

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- (b) any other premises in Singapore that the individual is ordinarily resident at when in Singapore or a room which is within any of those premises; or

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- (c) a room, or a partitioned-off space for sleeping, that is in a hotel, hostel, guesthouse, serviced apartment or dormitory or in any other premises in Singapore that provides sleeping facilities and residential accommodation, whether or not other accommodation is also provided;

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*[Deleted by S 48/2022 wef 26/01/2022]*

*[Deleted by S 48/2022 wef 26/01/2022]*

“respiratory specimen” includes human biological tissue, saliva or mucus;

*[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]*

“serology test” means a COVID-19 serology test;

“specified person” means the Director or any police officer, immigration officer or Health Officer;

“traveller” means an individual described in paragraph (a) of the definition of “at-risk individual”.

*[S 303/2021 wef 06/05/2021]*

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, where an individual undergoes —

- (a) a test or tests consisting of PCR test or tests only;
- (b) an ART or 2 or more antigen rapid tests only; or
- (c) a series of tests consisting of PCR tests and antigen rapid tests,

the individual’s test result is treated as negative for SARS-CoV-2 under the same conditions as described in regulation 8(1), (2) or (3) (as the case may be) of the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021).

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*[S 989/2021 wef 01/01/2022]*

## **Stay orders**

3.—(1) A specified person may, for the purpose of preventing the spread of COVID-19, order any at-risk individual to go directly to one or more places of accommodation specified in the order or by a specified person or an authorised accommodation worker and not leave the place or places (as the case may be) of accommodation —

- (a) if the individual is a traveller entering Singapore, on or after 7 October 2021 — for the period starting upon the issue of the order and ending on the later of the following:
  - (i) a day specified in the order, which must not be later than the 21st day after the date the order was issued;
  - (ii) the day that the individual knows that he or she —
    - (A) tests negative for SARS-CoV-2 after undergoing any ART or PCR test on a respiratory specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i); and
    - (B) if the individual is required to undergo a serology test, also tests positive after undergoing a serology test on a blood specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i);  
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- (aa) if the individual is a traveller entering Singapore, on or after 6 May 2021 but before 7 October 2021 — for the period starting upon the issue of the order and ending —
  - (i) on (and including) either the 7th day, 14th day or 21st day after the date the order was issued, as specified in the order; or
  - (ii) the day that the individual knows that he or she —
    - (A) tests negative for SARS-CoV-2 after undergoing any ART or PCR test on a respiratory specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i); and
    - (B) if the individual is required to undergo a serology test, also tests positive after undergoing a serology test on a blood specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i),  
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whichever ends later; or  
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- (b) in any other case — for the period specified in the order, starting upon the issue of the order and ending not later than the 14th day after the issue of