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**COVID-19 SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN WORKERS TO BE EXTENDED NATIONWIDE BEGINNING 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

Reference is made to the [PRESS STATEMENT BY YB DATUK SERI M SARAVANAN, MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES](#) dated 30 January 2021 and to the [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON COVID-19 SCREENING PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN WORKERS USING ANTIGEN RTK METHOD](#) dated 2 February 2021.

Highlight of the Press Statement are as follows:

The Covid-19 screening programme for foreign workers will be **EXTENDED NATIONWIDE BEGINNING TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2021.**

**EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE COVID-19 SCREENING TESTS FOR THEIR FOREIGN WORKERS** in accordance with the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases [Measures within the Infected Local Areas (No.9)] 2020 order under the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases Act 1988 which came into force on 1 January 2021.

The programme implemented by the Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) will be carried out with the co-operation from private clinics nationwide. Employers can discuss with the clinics on whether the screening can be done at the workplace.

The screening will utilise the Antigen Rapid Test kits (RTK-Ag) and the cost of the kits borne by SOCSO. Employers will be required to pay for the other charges imposed by the clinics or hospitals.

Employers need to register their foreign workers as SOCSO contributors before qualifying them for the screening test. Employers will need to bear the total screening cost for foreign workers who are not SOCSO contributors.

Foreign workers are eligible to undergo the COVID-19 screening test **ONLY ONCE** during the programme period.

The programme is expected to end when the COVID-19 transmission among foreign workers is controlled or has been curbed, and also based on risk assessment by the Ministry of Health. This facility is also subject to any government instructions on the matter.

Detailed information on the programme including the list of participating clinics can be obtained at the PSP portal (<https://psp.perkeso.gov.my>).

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