## Rapid Antigen Test Requirements for "Essential" Court Users for jury proceedings

- 1. From May 10, 2022 onwards, the following court users ("essential court users") attending jury proceedings will be required (and so reminded) to take Rapid Antigen Test ("RAT") on a daily basis <u>before</u> coming to the court for hearing -
  - (a) jurors (requirements imposed as from February 2022);
  - (b) legal teams, including counsel, solicitors and their support staff; and
  - (c) law enforcement agents.
- 2. If any of the above essential court users have obtained a positive result on any day during a jury proceeding, they should contact the relevant support staff of the case as soon as possible and in any case no later than <u>one hour</u> before the court hearing commences so that the relevant Judge or Judicial Officer ("JJO") may consider if any contingency arrangements are needed. The relevant parties of the hearing will be informed accordingly.
- 3. If any of them have forgotten to take RAT before coming to the court premises and the hearing is about to start or has started, they should inform the presiding JJO and/or the relevant staff as soon as practicable to seek urgent direction(s) from the JJO. In general, the presiding JJO may need to adjourn the hearing and require the court user(s) concerned to go <u>outside</u> the court premises to take the test. The presiding JJO will then give appropriate directions having regard to the outcome of the test.