

CPE 40th Advisory: Revised advisory to Private Education Institutions for Phase 3 (Heightened Alert)

Dear Sirs,

1. On 18 June 2021, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) updated the Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) measures, allowing higher-risk activities such as F&B dining in and indoor mask-off sports/exercise to resume in **group sizes of up to 2 persons**, instead of up to 5 persons as previously announced. The media release from MTF is attached below:



MTF Press Release
(18 June).pdf

Guidance for Private Education Institutions (PEIs)

2. All Private Education Institutions (PEIs) must continue to abide by all prevailing national SMM guidelines. In addition, they are strongly encouraged to take reference from the measures for schools and IHLs and decide if they wish to adopt any that are beyond national SMMs. More information on the latest plans and safe management measures for MOE schools and IHLs can be found in Annex A. Information on the latest plans and safe management measures for ECDA-registered Pre-schools, if any, will be provided at a later date.

3. PEIs should check www.gov.sg/features/covid-19 for the latest updates and advisories.

Guidelines for Higher Risk Activities [Updated/New Areas in Red]

4. PEIs must adhere to all prevailing guidelines for higher-risk classes and activities on campus.

5. Performances, Arts and Culture classes. The updated advisory issued by the National Arts Council for performances and arts and cultures classes can be found [here](#). PEIs should adhere to the advised measures. Higher risk student activities involving singing, voice training, speech and drama, and playing of wind and brass instruments should continue to adhere to tightened SMMs as per NAC's advisory:

- a) **[Updated] Singing, Wind/Brass Instrument Classes:** From 21 June 2021, PEIs may resume classes that involve unmasking and singing/playing of instruments that require expulsion of air for students of all ages. These include wind/brass instruments. Class sizes should be capped at 30 participants (including instructor), with a maximum of the same 10 individuals allowed to be unmasked. Instructors must be masked throughout the duration of the class. Of the group that is unmasked, only 2 participants (instead of the previous 5 announced) may sing and play wind instruments. Masked singing by other participants is not allowed.
- b) **[Updated] Voice Training, Speech and Drama Classes:** In-person voice training and speech and drama classes may continue subject to the capacity limit of 30 participants (including instructor), with a maximum of the same 10 individuals allowed to be unmasked. Of the group that is unmasked, only a maximum of 2 participants (instead of the previous 5 announced) may actively participate in voice training, speech or drama. Masks must continue to be worn as a default, unless unmasking is necessary for the training activity(s).

6. **[Updated]** Live performances. Live performances with audiences should be capped at 50 (without testing) and 250 (with testing). A maximum of 30 performers and crew will be allowed on stage and backstage at any given time, with a maximum of 10 performers unmasked at any given time. Of the 10 unmasked performers, there can be a maximum of 2 unmasked for singing and playing of instruments which require intentional expulsion of air. PEIs should seek approval from SSG prior to organising live performances.
7. **[Updated]** Indoor mask-off sports/exercise activities. Gyms and fitness studios may resume indoor mask-off sports/ exercise activities in group sizes of up to 2 persons (instead of the previous 5 announced), and in classes of up to 30 persons including the instructor from 21 Jun 2021 to 11 July 2021. Physical distancing of 2 metres between individuals should be maintained while exercising and playing sports in general, and 3 meters between individuals for high intensity or high movement exercise classes unless the nature of activity requires the distance to be shortened. There should be no intermingling between groups before, during and after the class, and they must remain 3 metres apart at all times. PEIs can refer to the latest advisory by SportSG [here](#) .
8. Outdoor mask-off sports/exercise activities. Multiple groups of 5 (including instructor/coach) up to 30 participants or the capacity limit of the venue, whichever is lower, will be allowed. There should be no intermingling between groups before, during and after the class, and they must remain 3 metres apart at all times.

Workplace Measures

9. PEIs are reminded to continue to adhere to the tightened SMM for the workplace after 21 June 2021. Working from home remains the default arrangement. PEIs should ensure all staff who are able to work from home continue to do so, continue to stagger start times of employees who need to return to the workplace, and implement flexible working hours. There should continue to be no cross-deployment of staff as a default. For workplaces, social gatherings continue to be disallowed, Please refer to the MOM [website](#) for the full workplace SMMs.

Social Responsibility

10. PEIs must adhere to all prevailing SMMs on screening, hygiene and safe distancing:
 - a. Screening: Students and staff who are unwell, or who have household members on Home Quarantine Order/Stay Home Notice or have adult household members with flu-like symptoms such as fever and cough, are required to stay away from school and campus.
 - b. Hygiene: High-touch surfaces should be cleaned frequently, and disinfection of premises should be carried out daily, if not more frequently.
 - c. Safe distancing: All students and staff are to wear masks at all times¹, except when they are drinking or eating. Staggered arrival and dismissal to reduce congestion and intermingling among students in school and on campus.

¹ Children under 6 years old are not required to wear masks. Nonetheless, they are encouraged to wear a mask or face shield.

11. PEIs should regularly remind all students and staff that if they are unwell, even with mild flu-like symptoms, they should see a doctor immediately. They should minimize in-person interactions and isolate themselves at home as far as possible, unless they need to attend to essential activities (such as medical appointments). Students and staff should adopt safe distancing and good hygiene practices at all times.

[Reminder] Use of SafeEntry Gateway (SEGW) for PEIs venues

12. Please note that the deployment of SEGW is mandatory and one of the contact tracing requirements for all PEIs venues since **15 June 2021**. The SEGW works with TraceTogether App or Token, and it facilitates a more convenient check-in experience for visitors and helps in effective contact tracing where necessary.

[Reminder] Implementation of enhanced ventilation and indoor air quality measures

13. In line with the updated Guidance Note jointly issued by NEA, MOH and BCA on 22 May 2021, **PEIs with their own premises are strongly encouraged to follow the recommended measures to enhance ventilation and air quality in indoor spaces**, through proper operations and maintenance of air-conditioning and medical ventilation (ACMV) systems. For high-risk premises e.g. venues where many students congregate for a prolonged period, the use of portable air purifiers for localised air cleaning is recommended. NEA is recommending HEPA air purifiers for enclosed air-conditioned premises with limited or no mechanical ventilation/air filtration. The measures aim to reduce disease transmission amid the current COVID-19 situation. For more information on the recommended measures, PEIs should refer to NEA website [here](#).

14. Please contact us via CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg if you require any clarification. Thank you.

Phase 3 Heightened Alert Measures – Schools (updated/new areas in red)

- **[updated]** In-person CCA activities will gradually resume from the third week of Term 3 (instead of the second week as previously communicated), starting with low-risk activities.
- Exam style seating in classrooms with no group work in the week of 28 June 2021. Group work of up to 5 persons to be resumed in the week of 5 July 2021, subject to national posture.
- Class-based unstructured play will be allowed.
- School based examinations should still be carried out in classrooms or with no more than 50 students per venue.
- Level based assemblies continue to be suspended.
- Face to Face (F2F) teaching activities should proceed at a maximum of 50 persons per venue.
- F2F parents' briefings will continue to be suspended and moved to virtual modes
- Staff professional development should be virtual as a default. If carried out in person, they should be capped at 50 persons per venue with no groupwork.
- Schools should minimise visits by external parties, especially those involving interaction with students.
- Staggered dismissals and recess timings in schools. During recess, students are seated in fixed arrangement with at least 1m spacing in canteens, classrooms or at appropriate venues.

Phase 3 Heightened Alert Measures – IHLs (updated/new areas in red)

- Overall, on-campus presence for students should be capped at no more than 60% of the total student enrolment at any given point in time.
- To minimise risk of transmission on campus, IHLs must continue to cap in person classes at no more than 50 persons, including the trainer(s). Classes or lectures with more than 50 persons must be conducted online.
- **[new]** Classes that involve unmasked activities such as food tasting, strenuous physical activities and exercises must be conducted with no more than 30 persons including instructor(s) and in groups of up to 2 persons (when held indoors) and groups of up to 5 persons (when held outdoors).
- **[updated]** Indoor/outdoor classes where participants have their masks on at all times can be conducted in groups of no more than 5 persons, in line with the revised group size for social gatherings since 14 June 2021. For the purpose of examinations and assessments, only classrooms or other suitable teaching venues should be used, with a cap of 50 persons (including invigilators/ staff). All necessary safe management measures, including at least 1 metre distancing between individuals, mask-on at all times etc. must be implemented. Where practicable, IHLs may consider online assessments and examinations. Large-group examinations that were previously allowed for up to 250 persons, with zoning, will remain suspended until further notice.
- **[updated]** Dine-in at canteens, halls and designated classrooms will be allowed in groups of no more than 2 persons, with at least 1 metre distancing between individuals, or if this is not possible, at least 1 metre distancing between groups of no more than 5 persons. There should be at least 1 metre distancing between persons in queues. Individuals should mask up when not consuming food and beverage and leave the dining hall immediately after finishing their meals.
- **[updated]** In line with the national guidelines, IHLs may open up other F&B outlets for dining-in, with at least 1 metre distancing between individuals, or if this is not possible, at least 1 metre distancing between groups of no more than 2 persons. There should also be 1 metre distancing between persons in queues.
- Graduation ceremonies should adhere to tightened SMMs for events that involve seated audience, i.e. up to 250 participants may be allowed with pre-event testing, and up to 50 participants may be allowed without pre-event testing.