

## **Safe Management Measures for Funeral Events**

It has been three weeks since the announcement of easing of community and border measures. Since then, daily infection numbers had continued to fall and have stabilised. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 22 April 2022 the further easing of our community Safe Management Measures (SMMs). The revised measures will take effect from **26 April 2022**. This document provides the conditions under which the Funeral Director or any person engaged to organise the funeral event, or premises owner of the venue where the funeral event is held when no person is engaged to organise the event, are permitted to carry out activities at funeral events.

### **Limits on Number of Attendees**

1. The event size limit for funeral events, including funeral wakes held within home compounds and cremation services at Mandai Crematorium, are lifted.
2. Religious workers, funeral staff and persons involved in the conduct of live instrumental music should be kept to a minimum.

### **Group Size and Safe Distancing**

3. Mask is required to be worn at all times at funeral events held at indoor premises. If a tentage is set up and the outdoor area becomes enclosed, it will be considered as an indoor setting.
4. For funeral events held at outdoor non-enclosed places (e.g. burial service at cemetery, funeral wakes at void decks of public housing estates), mask-wearing is optional but it is strongly encouraged. There will no longer be a group size limit. Individuals are not required to keep to a group of 10 persons.

### **Food and Beverage**

5. Food and drinks, including individually packed food and titbits, are allowed to be served and consumed at funeral wakes. Singapore Food Agency (SFA) regulations and Food & Beverage (F&B) sector guidelines must be adhered to.
6. Self-service buffet lines are not allowed. However, staff-served food lines are allowed at funeral wakes. Food must be served by workers at food lines.
7. Food and drinks remain to be prohibited at NEA-managed facilities (e.g. Mandai Crematorium and Choa Chu Kang Cemetery).

## **Live Performances**

8. Live performances, including instrumental music, such as live singing and playing of wind instruments (instruments which require intentional expulsion of air, e.g. trumpets, conch shell) are allowed at funeral events.
9. Religious workers involved in the conduct of the religious rites (e.g. preaching, chanting of prayers) and family members giving eulogies can unmask. Attendees must have their masks on in an indoor setting.

## **Health Check**

10. Any person who is unwell must be turned away.

## **TraceTogether-only SafeEntry**

11. From 26 April 2022, SafeEntry check-ins are no longer required at funeral events.

## **General**

12. Discourage vulnerable persons, such as the elderly, from attending these events to protect their health and consider alternative solutions for them, such as live video screening instead.
13. Individuals are urged to continue to exercise personal responsibility and conduct self-testing, and practise good personal hygiene, especially prior to visiting crowded places or interacting with vulnerable groups.
14. Funeral staff is strongly advised to administer self-testing regime using the Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits available for purchase over retail counters. Family members may also consider to perform self-testing if they are worried that they may have COVID-19 and want to put their mind at ease. For more information on ART self-test kits, please visit [https://www.moh.gov.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/art---self-test/simple-guide-to-art-self-test-kits-\(jul-21---web-version\).pdf?sfvrsn=3642cdc6\\_0](https://www.moh.gov.sg/docs/librariesprovider5/art---self-test/simple-guide-to-art-self-test-kits-(jul-21---web-version).pdf?sfvrsn=3642cdc6_0).