

## CPE 65<sup>th</sup> Advisory: Easing of Safe Management Measures for Private Education Institutions

25 April 2022

Dear Sirs,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 22 April 2022 that Safe Management Measures (SMMs) will be eased, in view of improvements in the local COVID-19 situation. The press release is attached below. This advisory provides an update on key SMMs and parameters, and exemptions that Private Education Institutions (PEIs) are eligible for.



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### Guidance for Private Education Institutions

#### [Updated] National SMMs

2. PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national SMMs set by MTF.

#### [Updated] Updates to Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS)

3. In alignment to the national position, **from 26 April 2022, VDS will be removed in PEIs from all settings, except for:**

- a. Events with >500 participants at any one time; and
- b. Food and beverage (F&B) establishments. In line with the lifting of the group size limit, there will no longer be a limit to the group size allowed to dine-in. While VDS is still required in these settings, F&B establishments within PEIs will no longer need to conduct VDS checks. Instead, the onus will be on the dining-in individuals to abide by the rules. PEIs are expected to conduct spot checks to ensure that only fully vaccinated persons are dining-in at these places.

#### [Updated] Exemption from VDS for Dining-In for Pre-Tertiary PEIs

4. PEIs offering pre-tertiary levels (i.e. equivalent of junior college and below) could previously apply for a dispensation allowing students, regardless of vaccination status, to dine in up to groups of 5 at the school canteen(s)/other designated dine-in area(s) (See 63<sup>rd</sup> advisory). **This dispensation will no longer be in effect from 26 April 2022.**

5. **From 26 April 2022, pre-tertiary PEIs offering the equivalent of junior college levels and below may apply for a new dispensation allowing students, regardless of vaccination status, to dine in without group size limits. Similar to previous dispensations, this is only applicable to students, and not staff. In addition, to apply for this dispensation, canteen(s)/ other designated dine-in areas must be exclusively for school use, and public access not granted to these areas.**

6. Pre-tertiary PEIs that wish to apply for this exemption can do so via <https://go.gov.sg/pei-dinein>. The exemption can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.

7. For avoidance of doubt, tertiary PEIs are to follow the prevailing national SMMs. In addition, dining-in for all PEI staff (pre-tertiary and tertiary levels) continue to be guided by prevailing workplace SMMs.

## **[Updated] Sector-Specific Guidelines for Higher-Risk Activities and Related Exemptions**

8. PEIs must continue to adhere to all prevailing guidelines for higher-risk classes and activities on campus. Additional safe management measures apply for Sport or Physical Activity, Dance, Singing, Wind/Brass Instrument, Voice Training, Speech and Drama Classes:

- a) For all sport or physical activity classes, as well as outdoor dance classes, please refer to the Sport Singapore advisory at: <https://www.sportsingapore.gov.sg/Newsroom/Media-Releases>
- b) For indoor dance classes, singing, wind/brass instrument classes, voice training, and speech and drama classes, please refer to the National Arts Council (NAC)'s advisory at: <https://www.nac.gov.sg/support/covid-19/safe-management-measures-smms/latest-updated-smms-for-arts-and-culture-stakeholders>

9. Previously, PEIs offering the equivalent of secondary-level and above levels could apply for a dispensation allowing students, regardless of vaccination status, to participate in selected indoor unmasked activities (i.e. singing, playing of wind/brass instruments, indoor sports), after obtaining a negative self-administered ART. **As VDS will no longer apply to these activities from 26 April 2022, this dispensation (63<sup>rd</sup> advisory) will cease on the same date.**

10. In addition, with the lifting of group sizes **from 26 April 2022, the dispensation to allow bigger team sports format within PEIs (64<sup>th</sup> advisory) will no longer be required, and also cease on the same date.**

## **[Updated] New Exemption from VDS for Higher-Risk Unmasked Activities for PEIs (Secondary-Level and above)**

11. **As VDS continues to apply to events with more than 500 persons, with effect from 26 April 2022, PEIs (secondary-level and above) can apply for a dispensation, allowing students who are not fully vaccinated, to participate in events with more than 500 persons, after obtaining a negative self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART). Negative test results will be valid for 7 days from the date of test.**

12. PEIs should ensure that students report their results, which must include a photo of ART kit with name, time and date indicated, and maintain records of students' test results. This is aligned with the position for MOE schools.

13. **PEIs that wish to apply for the exemption can do so via <https://go.gov.sg/pei-largeevents> from 26 April 2022. The exemption can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.**

### **[Updated] Stopping of Health Risk Notices (HRNs) and Manual Contact Tracing Procedures**

14. The Ministry of Health (MOH) will stop issuing HRNs to close contacts from **26 April 2022**<sup>1</sup>. By extension, individuals infected with COVID-19 will no longer need to submit details of household contacts online.

15. **Accordingly, PEIs will no longer be required to contact manual contact tracing for cases/contacts of students below primary school age without the TraceTogether (TT) token or app, in order to raise HRNs for close contacts (See CPE 60<sup>th</sup> advisory).**

### **Reporting Procedure for COVID-19 Clusters**

16. As per announced in CPE 60<sup>th</sup> advisory, PEIs will continue to be required to update MOH on any COVID-19 cluster within their premises. A cluster is defined as 20 or more cases (Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) positive or doctor administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART) positive) cumulatively over 3 days. These 20 cases should be linked, e.g. the cases are observed to all occur within the same classroom or co-curriculum activity (CCA), or staff room/lounge.

17. PEIs that have identified clusters on their premises should use the template attached for reporting. The template should be submitted to SSG at [CPE\\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg), for coordination and conveyance to MOH and Ministry of Education (MOE).



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### **[Updated] Sunsetting of TraceTogether (TT) and SafeEntry (SE)**

18. With the stopping of HRNs, MOH will no longer require the public to upload TT data or submit their TT tokens from **26 April 2022**. SE will also be removed at most venues.

19. **Accordingly, PEIs may stand down all TT/SE checks at access control points (if any), but should retain TT/SE functionality as a means of conducting VDS checks for the settings (Para. 3) that still require it.**

### **Social Responsibility**

20. All PEIs must continue to abide by prevailing national SMMs. PEIs should also check [www.gov.sg/features/covid-19](http://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19) for the latest updates and advisories.

21. Please contact us via [CPE\\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg) if you require any clarification. Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Persons who have been issued a HRN as of 26 April should complete Protocol 3.