

I. Latest COVID-19 Situation

1. What are the latest requirements for marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions?

The updated safe management measures (SMMs) for marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions are as follows:

	Until to 31 December 2021
Marriage Solemnizations	
Home	Up to 10 attendees or 5 visitors (whichever is higher)
ROM/M Building	Up to 10 attendees
External venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 50 attendees (no Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) requirement);From 51 to 1,000 attendees, with VDS requirement¹;Group size of up to 5 attendees
Wedding Receptions	
Home and ROM/M Building	Not allowed
External venues (Excluding Places of Worship)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Up to 250 attendees, with VDS requirement¹;Group size of up to 5 attendees

These limits include the couple, but exclude the Licensed Solemnizer and any other vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the wedding event.

Children aged 12 years and below (i.e. born in and after 2009), who are currently not eligible for vaccinations under the National Vaccination Programme, should not make up more than 20% of the total attendance. This applies to marriage solemnizations with more than 50 attendees or wedding receptions (regardless of the number of attendees). These children seated within the groups of 5 attendees must be from the same household.

All marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions continue to be subject to the prevailing safe management measures, such as zonal/time slot requirements and safe distancing rules, and prevailing group size of up to 5 people. Please refer to the requirements [here](#). All wedding guests must strictly abide by the safe management measures, and in particular, maintain social distancing and avoid mingling with others beyond their own table.

Organisers must ensure that before entering the event, all attendees must check in to the event using TraceTogether-only SafeEntry. TraceTogether, the SEBizApp or HealthHub can be used to check the

¹ Where VDS is required, it means that checks must be implemented to ensure that every attendee

- is fully vaccinated i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
- has recovered from COVID-19, with a valid PET exemption notice for the duration of the event; or
- is a child aged 12 years or below; or
- is certified as medically ineligible; or
- has a valid Pre-Event Test (PET) negative test result (the concession for unvaccinated individuals to perform PET in lieu of being fully vaccinated would be removed from 1 January 2022)

vaccination and PET status of attendees. The venue owner/operator² or organisers should have a unique QR code for the event space, e.g. hotel ballroom or private room in a restaurant.

For more information on SafeEntry, please refer to the link [here](#).

For more information on Pre-Event Test (PET), please refer to MOH's guidelines at go.gov.sg/pet and section III for FAQs on PET requirements related to marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions.

For more information on vaccination-differentiated SMMs (VDS), please refer to MOH's advisory at <https://go.gov.sg/vdsmminfo>

2. Why are measures changed so often?

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) has been closely monitoring the local and global COVID-19 situation, and will continue to review the safe management measures and calibrate the resumption of more economic and community related activities. However, should there be further tightening, couples should be prepared to adjust their plans accordingly.

II. General Safe Management Measures

3. What are the safe management measures that we must follow?

Please refer to the requirements [here](#).

4. Are vendors (e.g. photographers, videographers) part of the attendee limit?

Vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the marriage solemnization or wedding reception are excluded from the attendance limit for these events but should be kept to a minimum. (Vendors who are also invited guests are part of the attendee limit).

5. Can the bride and groom remove face masks for the solemnization ceremony or wedding reception? Can the bride and groom use face shields in place of face masks? Can the rest of the attendees be unmasked for photo-taking?

As a special provision, the bride and groom may be unmasked throughout the marriage solemnization (excluding ROM/M Building) or wedding reception event. To enjoy the unmasking provision, the wedding couple is required to (i) undergo an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) minimally supervised by the venue operator² (either in person or virtually); or (ii) have a valid PET within 24 hours prior to the end of the event. The bride and groom must maintain a 2-metre distance from the rest of the attendees of the marriage solemnization or wedding reception whenever masks and face shields are removed.

Should the bride and groom opt not to undergo the ART or PET, they may remove their face shields or mask for key moments only (e.g. when exchanging vows for rings, kiss, march-in/outs) and maintain a safe distance of at least 2 metres from others at such times.

² Venue operator refers to the party that has charge, management or control of the room or place where the event takes place, during the period of the event.

All other attendees must wear their masks throughout the solemnization process or wedding reception³, but masks may be removed momentarily for photo-taking and must be worn immediately after.

On the use of masks and face shield, please refer to the latest guidelines [here](#).

6. As a wedding couple, I would like to be unmasked for my solemnization / reception, but my venue operator is not available to supervise my ART. What can I do?

If you are unable to do an ART minimally supervised by the venue operator (either in person or virtually), you can opt to have a valid PET obtained within 24 hours prior to the end of the event. Otherwise, the wedding couples can choose to wear a face shield instead of a face mask, and to remove the face shield for the key moments (e.g. when exchanging vows for rings, kiss, march-in/outs).

7. Can I have more than 10 different guests remove their masks when giving speech at different timings during my marriage solemnization and/or wedding reception?

At any time during the marriage solemnization in external venues (i.e. in venues excluding place of residence and the ROM/M building) and wedding reception, there should be no more than 10 unmasked individuals engaged in public speaking. For example, you can have up to 6 guests giving speech at timing A and another 6 guests at timing B. During the speech, the unmasked individuals must maintain a distance of at least 2 metres from the audience and least 1 metre from each other unless the individuals are members of the wedding party.

8. How long can our solemnization ceremony last?

For the safety of all attendees, the solemnization should be kept as brief as possible.

9. Are pre-wedding photo shoots allowed to take place? Can face masks/ shields be removed for pre-wedding photo shoots?

Pre-wedding photo shoots must adhere to IMDA's Mandatory Safety Rules for the Resumption of Content Production. Please check directly with the wedding photographer on the safe management measures that must be adhered to.

10. What are the guidelines for the attendance limit of home solemnizations, if I have more than 10 residents in my household?

For marriage solemnizations held in a place of residence, the maximum number of attendees for the home solemnization must not exceed 10 attendees or 5 visitors (whichever is higher). This limit

³ Children aged twelve years and below, who may have difficulty wearing and keeping face masks on for a prolonged period of time, may wear a face shield as indicated in MOH's Advisory of 1 Jun 2020 ("Guidance for Use of Masks and Face Shields")

includes the couple, but excludes the Licensed Solemnizer and vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the solemnization.

For example, if there are 6 attendees currently living in your household, the 6 residents and an additional 5 visitors can attend a solemnization in your home. The total of 11 attendees includes the wedding couple but excludes the Solemnizer and vendors. Or if you live alone, you and 9 other attendees, including the wedding couple, can attend a solemnization in your home, excluding the Solemnizer and vendors.

If the place of residence has more than 10 residents, organisers should ensure that residents who are not attendees of the home solemnization do not physically interact or intermingle with the attendees at the solemnization.

If a place of residence has 5 or more visitors attending a home solemnization (as guests or vendors), then the individual must not accept any more visitors that day to his or her place of residence.

For the safety of all who are attending your home solemnization, please ensure that you and your guests comply with the following measures:

- a. The bride and groom may be unmasked throughout the home solemnization. The wedding couples are required to (i) undergo an ART minimally supervised by the venue operator (either in person or virtually); or (ii) have a valid PET within 24 hours prior to the end of the event. The bride and groom may opt out from the ART or PET and remove their face shields/masks for key moments such as to exchange vows, rings, to kiss and during march-ins/ outs. Other guests must maintain a 2-metre distance from the bride and groom when they are unmasked.
- b. All guests must wear masks for the duration of the solemnization. They may remove their masks momentarily for photo-taking and must wear their masks immediately after the photos are taken.

11. Can I provide takeaway food after the solemnization ceremony?

No food or drinks are to be supplied or consumed in the room or place during a solemnization event. Takeaway food may be provided only after the solemnization ceremony is over, and must not be consumed at the solemnization venue. Once the solemnization ceremony is over, social gatherings cannot exceed 5 individuals and organisers of a solemnization should ensure that guests do not crowd around or outside the event venue to consume their takeaway food.

Organisers of a solemnization must ensure that requirements for solemnization events are not breached. Rather than providing food for takeaway, you may wish to consider providing other tokens of appreciation such as vouchers or non-food gifts.

If there is a queue for distributing the takeaway food, the enterprise providing the takeaway must ensure that there is at least 1m safe distancing between individuals in the queue.

12. Can I have children as part of my marriage solemnization or wedding reception?

If the wedding reception (regardless of the number of attendees) or marriage solemnization (more than 50 attendees) includes children aged 12 years and below, these children should not make up

more than 20% of the overall attendance. These children seated within the groups of 5 attendees must be from the same household.

13. Can I have children to be part of the “wedding party” for my wedding reception?

Up to five children aged 12 years and below, who are from the same household, may be included in the wedding party. If there are more than 5 children aged 12 years and below in the wedding party, or if there are children from multiple households in the wedding party, then PET should be carried out for all the children.

III. Pre-Event Test Requirements

14. What is a Pre-Event Test (“PET”)?

A Pre-Event Test refers to a COVID-19 test taken by an attendee who wishes to enter a venue where selected events such as marriage solemnizations or wedding receptions are being held. This attendee must have a valid negative COVID-19 test result 24 hours from the time an individual is registered in-person at the testing premise, before being allowed to enter the venue.

15. When is PET required for marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions?

From 22 November 2021:

- a. For solemnizations involving 51 to 1,000 attendees, PET is required for all attendees (including the wedding couple) unless the attendee is fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19, or is a child aged 12 years or below. From 1 December 2021, individuals who are certified to be medically ineligible for all vaccines under the National Vaccination Programme will be eligible for VDS and exempted from PET.
- b. For wedding receptions involving up to 250 attendees, PET is required for all attendees (including the wedding couple) unless the attendee is fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19, or is a child aged 12 years or below. From 1 December 2021, individuals who are certified to be medically ineligible for all vaccines under the National Vaccination Programme will be eligible for VDS and exempted from PET.

The PET must be done: (i) Before entry to the marriage solemnization or wedding reception; and (ii) At most 24 hours before the end of the event.

Organisers of marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions must ensure that PET requirements are met for such events. PET for all events, including solemnizations and receptions, will not be funded by the government; organisers or individuals are responsible for paying for their own tests.

Please refer to MOH’s guidelines at go.gov.sg/pet for more information on PET, including information on individuals who are exempted from PET.

All marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions will continue to be subject to the prevailing safe management measures, such as zonal/time slot requirements and safe distancing rules.

16. What would exempt me/my guests from PET?

Fully vaccinated attendees and recovered attendees from a COVID-19 infection may be exempted from PET. Fully vaccinated attendees are those individuals who have received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems. TraceTogether, the SEBizApp or HealthHub can be used to check the vaccination status of attendees.

Children aged 12 years and below, who are not eligible for vaccines currently under the National Vaccination Programme, are also exempted from PET (subject to an overall attendance cap of 20% of total attendees).

From 1 December 2021, individuals who are certified to be medically ineligible for all vaccines under the National Vaccination Programme will be eligible for VDS and exempted from PET.

Please refer to MOH's guidelines at go.gov.sg/pet for more updated information on individuals who are exempted from PET and acceptable exemption notices that must be shown to the organiser of the wedding reception and or marriage solemnization to be allowed entry.

Please refer to the Event Organiser's/Relevant Enterprises' Guide to PET on go.gov.sg/pet for further details on verification of vaccination status of individuals.

17. What is considered an acceptable proof of test result for attendees requiring PET?

Please refer to MOH's guidelines at go.gov.sg/pet on acceptable proof of test results.

18. Can PET be done at the solemnization or wedding reception venue?

Yes, but organisers will need to make their own arrangements, subject to the agreement of venue operators.

19. If I was recently tested and already have a negative test result, can the same COVID-19 Test Result Notice be used to attend a marriage solemnization and wedding reception with PET requirements on the same day?

Yes, as long as you have a negative result and the event is within the 24-hour validity window. Please refer to MOH's guidelines at go.gov.sg/pet for more information.

20. Can the same COVID-19 Test Result Notice be used to attend more than one solemnization/wedding reception a day?

Yes, as long as you do not exceed the maximum recommended limit for social gatherings in a day, and the events are within the period of validity of the test result. However, we strongly advise against going to more than one event in a day. While PET and safe management measures serve to reduce the risk of transmissions, it is not risk-free. Attending multiple large-scale events could put you at higher risk of being infected or being a vector for infection.

21. Do vendors (e.g. hotel staff, caterers, photographers) or Solemnizers need to undergo PET?

Unless the vendors or Solemnizer are also guests of the marriage solemnization or wedding reception (e.g. sits down at a table like other guests), there is no need to arrange PET for the vendors or Solemnizer. However, some vendors, such as F&B staff in restaurants, may be under a separate Fast & Easy Test (FET) regime.

22. With PET, can we relax some of the safe management measures, e.g. mask-wearing, intermingling, and allowing attendees to cross zones?

No, PET does not replace the need for safe management measures. PET serves to reduce the probability of an infected person entering the venue. In addition, whilst vaccination reduces the chances that a person is infected, it does not eliminate it. If an infected person tests antigen negative (i.e. false negative), or a vaccinated person is actually infected, and either attends the solemnization or wedding reception, safe management measures will reduce the likelihood of him/ her transmitting the virus to other people at the event and sparking off a large cluster of infections. Together, vaccination, PET and safe management measures serve to further minimise the risk of spread and protect you and your loved ones.

23. If most of my guests have been vaccinated, can we do away with Pre-Event Testing (PET) and Safe Management Measures?

Attendees who are fully vaccinated will not have to undergo PET. But entry checks are required for all attendees at entry and PET is needed for those who do not have cleared statuses. In addition, all attendees, whether fully vaccinated or not, will still need to adhere to safe management measures to protect unvaccinated individuals, should any of the attendees be infected with COVID-19 despite the precautions taken.

24. Can the bride and groom choose not to cross zones for marriage solemnizations, and hence not require PET to have a marriage solemnization involving more than 50 attendees?

No. If the marriage solemnization involves more than 50 attendees, all attendees must undergo PET, unless the attendee is fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19, or is a child aged 12 years or below.

25. Is PET required for all attendees of wedding receptions with less than 50 attendees, if it adopts staggered timings? Why can't it be required only for the wedding couple or wedding party who are allowed to attend multiple timeslots?

Yes, PET is required for all attendees of wedding receptions, unless the attendee is fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19, or is a child aged 12 years or below, even if staggered timing is adopted. From 1 December 2021, individuals who are certified to be medically ineligible for all vaccines under the National Vaccination Programme will be eligible for VDS and exempted from PET. While vaccination, PET and safe management measures serve to reduce the risk of transmissions, it is not risk-free.

26. For marriage solemnizations involving more than 100 attendees, can the wedding party who is vaccinated or had undergone PET be allowed to cross zones?

No, the wedding party, even if tested or fully vaccinated, will not be allowed to cross zones. While PET serves to reduce the probability of an infected person attending the event, there remains a risk of false negative results where an infected person tests antigen negative and attends the wedding. Safe management measures, such as limiting the crossing of zones, reduce the likelihood of such cases transmitting the virus to other people at the event and sparking off a large cluster of infections.

27. Will I be compensated if my marriage solemnization/ wedding reception has to be cancelled because the bride/ groom receives a positive / invalid test result?

No. Holding a marriage event is a personal decision. Couples may wish to work out an arrangement with the venue provider and/or other vendors/service providers to account for the possibility of such a postponement, which would be the same as if the bride and groom were to fall sick or otherwise indisposed.

IV. Video-link solemnizations

28. If we opt for solemnization via video link, what is the limit to the number of guests in the same venue? Can the bride, groom, witnesses and guests be in the same venue?

For solemnizations via video-link, the prevailing home visit guidelines should be adhered to (i.e. up to 5 visitors to a home per day). The bride, groom, witnesses, and guests can be in the same location if they belong to the same household or if they are within the prevailing home visit guidelines (i.e. up to 5 visitors to a home per day). Other guests exceeding the 5 visitors allowed may wish to join in through video-link instead. Such processes through video-link ensures marriage solemnizations take place in a safe manner.

V. Other wedding activities

29. What are the attendance caps if I hold my solemnization immediately followed by a wedding reception?

Solemnizations are capped at 50 attendees (No VDS requirement), or 1,000 attendees (with VDS requirement).

Attendee limits include the bride and groom, and exclude the Solemnizer and vendors.

- If the wedding reception is held in the same room or space as the solemnization without any break in between, the entire event will be considered a wedding reception and be subject to the wedding reception safe management measures including attendance limits, i.e. up to 250 attendees (with VDS requirement). Attendee limits include the bride and groom, and exclude the Solemnizer and vendors.
- If organisers intend to hold separate solemnization and wedding reception events at the same venue, you are advised to have a reasonably long break between the two events. This will

provide time to vacate and sanitise the venue after the first event and will also prevent interactions between the two sets of guests who are leaving or entering the venue.

30. Can I perform other cultural rites such as the tea ceremony during the reception?

Yes you may, subject to the safe management measures for receptions (e.g. no intermingling between the wedding party and other groups of guests or between groups of guests). For example, the tea ceremony can be held amongst the “wedding party” of up to 20 attendees as part of the reception, and must take into account the Safe Management Measures for wedding receptions

31. Can we have our tea ceremony at the solemnization venue?

Food and drinks are not allowed during solemnization events. The tea ceremony may be held before or after the solemnization but must comply with requirements such as the social gathering size limit of 5 persons or the cap of 5 visitors a day to a place of residence. Nonetheless, the tea ceremony can be held as part of a wedding reception, amongst the “wedding party”, comprising the wedding couple and up to 18 other attendees, subject to safe management measures for wedding receptions.

32. Can we do our pre-wedding photo shoots on a separate day from our solemnization?

You may do your pre-wedding photo shoots on a separate day from your solemnization. Please check directly with the wedding photographer on the safe management measures that must be adhered to.

33. Can we hire a photographer to take photos of my wedding dinner/reception, and can the photographer take photos of guests at each table by adhering to the 1-metre distancing?

Yes, you can hire a photographer to take photos of the wedding reception. A 1-metre distance between the photographer and the subject(s) of photography must be maintained at all times. There must also be no intermingling between the wedding party and guests (i.e. table-to-table photos should be avoided). Masks may be removed momentarily for photo-taking, and must be worn immediately after the photos are taken.

34. Can the bride and groom stand/sit on the stage and take photos with the wedding party of 20?

Yes, they can mingle and take photos with one another within the wedding party of 20 attendees (including the bride and groom). For photo-taking, at least 1-metre safe distancing must be observed between the wedding party and other groups, as well as between groups, at all times.

35. Can we play video screenings and/or projections of our wedding photos during the reception?

Yes, you can. However, there must be no activities involving live singing, cheering, loud toasting or shouting, or dancing during the reception (with the exception of special provisions for dancing and singing). Please refer to the Safe Management Measures for all wedding-related activities on MTI's GoBusiness website (under Marriage Solemnizations and Receptions) – <https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/images/guides/WeddingAdvisoryv2.pdf>

36. Can weddings that are up to 20 attendees be considered a wedding party where the hosts and guests are allowed to interact as a group?

Yes, if the event size is kept at 20 attendees throughout the entire wedding reception. PET would be required for all 20 attendees, including the wedding couple, unless the attendee is fully vaccinated or recovered from COVID-19, or is a child aged 12 years or below. From 1 December 2021, attendees certified as medically ineligible will be eligible for VDS and exempted from PET.

37. If I have a small wedding reception now, can I have another reception should the limits be increased subsequently?

The conditions for the holding of marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions during the COVID-19 situation will depend on the prevailing circumstances and policies. Based on the current limit of one reception per couple, a second reception is not allowed.

38. If there are certain guests that attend the reception purely to meet and greet the couple and leave straightaway without sitting in to eat and drink, would they be counted as part of the attendee limit?

The total number of attendees includes those who attend the reception for a short duration without eating or drinking, and the relevant PET requirements apply.

39. Are there any duration limits or time restrictions for wedding reception/marriage solemnization?

Couples may choose to hold their solemnization and reception on a separate day, however, each of these events must be completed in the same calendar day. Within the calendar day of each event, there is no fixed time frame/duration limit, but it is recommended to keep the sessions as brief as possible.

For solemnizations in other external venues, venue operators reserve the right to impose shorter time limits based on their capacity or ability to ensure safe management measures are implemented. For wedding receptions, please also note that liquor cannot be served or consumed after 10.30pm.

40. Does the set-up of the ceremony allow for a stage, reception table etc?

A stage can be set up as part of the ceremony, but there must be no intermingling between the wedding party and other groups of guests, or between groups of guests. A reception table is allowed, if it is to receive guests when they arrive. However, any interactions should be minimised. E-check-in or other contactless methods of registration should be adopted where possible.

41. Is a food line able to be set-up with safe distancing queues and served by the servers at hand?

Food lines are not permitted at wedding events. At wedding receptions, guests are to be served seated at their tables, instead of queuing at the food lines. This is to minimise mingling/crowding, and to reduce interaction amongst different groups of guests. Organisers can offer individually plated or packaged food, and should avoid shared platters or dishes. For marriage solemnizations, food and beverages are strictly not allowed.

42. Is onsite cooking allowed at my wedding reception?

On-site cooking is allowed as long as the kitchen staff/personnel remain masked and separated from the guests (similar to a restaurant kitchen). All respective Singapore Food Agency and Food & Beverage sector guidelines must be adhered to.

VI. Zoning and Staggered Timing Requirements

43. For a zoning arrangement, can I have as many zones as I want?

If the venue permits, you may have multiple zones subject to the overall attendance of the entire event being capped at the maximum allowable limit, the number of people in each zone not exceeding 100 attendees, and zoning rules being adhered to (including a 2-metre gap and a continuous physical barrier or a solid partition of 1.8 metre or taller between zones). These caps include the couple and the wedding party, but excludes the Solemnizer (for the solemnization), vendors engaged to provide authorised services and venue staff (to be kept to a minimum).

We understand venues may have different configurations and encourage couples to work out an optimal arrangement with the venue operator. Couples may choose to configure the zones in a way that allows the wedding couple/party to access 'central' areas, such as the aisle and the stage. All attendees, including the "wedding party", must be assigned to only one zone. Regardless of the number of zones, entering an unassigned zone is not allowed, except for the wedding couple, who may do so briefly, e.g. to take photos. Arrangements must also be made to ensure attendees from different zones do not meet each other at entrances or exits. For instance, organisers could deploy ushers at the entrances and exits of each zone. Within each zone, there must be no intermingling and mixing between the wedding party and other groups of guests or between groups of guests.

44. For a staggered timing arrangement for wedding receptions, can I have as many time slots as I want?

If the venue permits, you may have multiple time slots subject to the overall attendance of the entire event comprising the multiple time slots being capped at the maximum allowable limit, the number of people in each time slot not exceeding 100 attendees, and staggered timing rules being adhered to (including a 30-minute gap between time slots). These caps include the couple and the wedding party, but excludes vendors engaged to provide authorised services and venue staff (to be kept to a minimum). The duration of the entire event must be kept within the same calendar day.

Guests must be assigned to one time slot only, and can only be present in their assigned time slot. Only the "wedding party" (up to 20 attendees) may remain between time slots, whereas all other guests must only belong to one timeslot. There must be a minimum of 30 minutes between time slots, where cleaning and disinfection at the event space (e.g. common/shared surfaces such as seats) and other common areas (e.g. toilets) must be conducted. Within each timeslot, there must be no

intermingling between the wedding party and other groups of guests or between groups of guests, i.e. a 1 metre safe distance between these groups must be observed.

Venue operators may impose shorter time limits as they deem fit, based on their capacity or ability to ensure safe management measures are implemented.

45. Why is the wedding party allowed to remain for each time slot in a staggered timing arrangement, but not allowed to cross zones in a zoning arrangement?

Both arrangements adhere to the safety principle that there should be no more than 100 attendees at one place (zone) at one time (time slot). Within each zone or timeslot, there must similarly be no intermingling and mixing between the wedding party and other groups of guests or between groups of guests. In a zoning arrangement, only the wedding couple is allowed to cross zones briefly (e.g. to take photos).

In a staggered timing arrangement, the wedding party is allowed to remain in each timeslot as it is the only way for them to host the wedding throughout the entire event. However, like the physical zoning arrangement, the wedding party must not be intermingling with other groups, and prevailing safe distancing rules, i.e. 1m distance between groups, must be observed. Additional safety measures must be taken such as requiring a minimum of 30 minutes between time slots, where cleaning and disinfection at the event space (e.g. common/shared surfaces such as seats) and other common areas (e.g. toilets) must be conducted.

46. Is the wedding party included in the 100-per-zone cap?

Yes. There must be no more than 100 people in each zone, and each attendee (including the wedding party) must be assigned to only one zone. Couples may choose to configure the zones in a way that allows the wedding couple/party to access 'central areas', such as the aisle and the stage. Regardless of the number and configuration of zones, entering an unassigned zone is not allowed, except for the wedding couple who may do so briefly, e.g. to take photos.

47. Can I split my wedding party across zones?

Yes. However, once the wedding party is split across zones, they can no longer enter other unassigned zones or interact with other members of the wedding party that are in separate zones during the event. There is an exception for the wedding couple, who may cross zones briefly, e.g. to take photos, but at least 1m safe distancing must be observed between the couple and other groups, as well as between groups, at all times, including for photo-taking.

48. Can the wedding party cross zones?

No, like any attendee, each member of the wedding party must be assigned to one zone only and not enter unassigned zones. There is an exception for the wedding couple, who may cross zones briefly, e.g. to take photos, but at least 1m safe distancing must be observed between the couple and other groups, as well as between groups, at all times, including for photo-taking. This is to reduce the overall risk exposure for members of the wedding party as well as guests in each zone.

49. Can the zone with the wedding party have more than 100 attendees?

No, the number of people in each zone is capped at 100 attendees. This includes the wedding party.

50. Can I split my reception into lunch and dinner at the same venue on the same day?

Yes. You may split your reception into lunch and dinner if it is at the same venue and the entire event is completed within a day. This is subject to the overall attendance of the entire event being capped at the maximum allowable limit, the number of people in each time slot not exceeding 100 attendees, and staggered timing rules being adhered to (including a 30-minute gap between time slots). These caps include the couple and the wedding party, but excludes vendors engaged to provide authorised services and venue staff (to be kept to a minimum). The duration of the entire event must be kept within the same calendar day.

Guests can only arrive and leave in their scheduled timeslot. Only the wedding party (up to 20 attendees) may remain between time slots, whereas all other guests must only belong to one timeslot. There must be a minimum of 30 minutes between time slots, where cleaning and disinfection at the event space (e.g. common/shared surfaces such as seats) and other common areas (e.g. toilets) must be conducted. Within each timeslot, there must be no intermingling between the wedding party and other groups of guests or between groups of guests, i.e. a 1 metre distance between these groups must be observed.

Venue operators may impose shorter time limits as they deem fit, based on their capacity or ability to ensure safe management measures are implemented.

51. Can I split my wedding party across time slots?

Yes. In a staggered timing arrangement, the wedding party is allowed to remain in each timeslot as it is the only way for them to host the reception throughout the day. If you prefer, you may split your wedding party across time slots.

52. For a staggered timing arrangement, can I hold my wedding reception at different venues?

Wedding receptions across different premises are not allowed, although the event may take place in multiple rooms within the same premises managed by the same operator. The couple should provide the full name list of attendees across the different rooms to the venue operator. The entire reception must be completed within the same calendar day and the attendance in different rooms is subject to the maximum allowable limit for a wedding reception.

53. For a staggered timing arrangement, can I have my wedding reception across different days?

No. Couples can only hold one reception, which limits the total risk exposure. Even in a staggered timing arrangement, the entire reception must be completed within the same day.

54. My wedding venue is large enough to accommodate more than 1,000 attendees for marriage solemnization or 250 attendees for wedding receptions with appropriate safe distancing between groups of 5, is zoning of 100 still necessary?

Yes. Regardless of venue, the number of people in each zone is capped at 100 attendees. All attendees are to be assigned one zone only and entering an unassigned zone is not allowed. This is to minimise participants' total risk exposure and the risk of bunching at common areas including entrances and exits. Organisers are to ensure at least 2m distance between zones with the use of physical barriers, e.g. queue poles, or use a solid partition of 1.8 metres or taller between zones. Organisers must also undertake measures to avoid guests crossing between zones. Arrangements must also be made to ensure attendees from different zones do not meet each other at entrances or exits. For instance, organisers could deploy ushers at the entrances and exits of each zone.

55. What are the requirements/guidelines for cleaning and disinfection during the intervals between time slots?

There must be a minimum of 30 minutes between time slots, where cleaning and disinfection at the event space and other common areas must be conducted. Before the start of each time slot and where applicable, the venue owner/operator or organisers must clean and disinfect function spaces, common facilities (e.g. toilets), tables and chairs before and after use, including high-touch areas such as handrails, door handles, lift buttons, etc. It is a good practice for the venue owner/operator or organisers to provide disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfectant sprays, wipes, etc., for attendees and staff at common or high-touch areas.

56. Are common areas such as toilets subject to zonal restrictions?

Organisers are encouraged to designate specific common areas and facilities to specific zones. If this is not possible, organisers should identify hotspots, e.g. entry/exit points, washrooms, corridors, etc., for potential bunching and implement a control mechanism to prevent/disperse crowds, e.g. staggered entrances and exits. This could include the deployment of Safety Ambassadors to remind attendees against clustering and loitering in common areas. Where possible, common surfaces should be wiped down after each use.

57. If the wedding party is only part of one zone, does it mean they cannot take photos with guests from the other zone?

Only the wedding couple is allowed to cross zones briefly to take photos. The rest of the wedding party are not allowed to cross zones, like all other attendees. For photo-taking within zones, at least 1m safe distancing must be observed between groups, as well as between the "wedding party" and other groups, at all times, including for photo-taking.

58. Do the vendor staff and photographer have to be assigned to zones as well? Can they cross zones?

Vendor staff need not be confined to zones, as they come into contact with participants only transiently and are always masked. The photographer may follow the wedding couple across zones for photo-taking.

VII. Mediation Programme

59. My wedding plans are affected by the COVID-19 restrictions and I am unable to reach a mutual agreement with my vendors. What can I do?

You may wish to consider the MinLaw COVID-19 (Wedding) Mediation Programme (“MCMP”), which provides free mediation for wedding couples and vendors whose wedding events were/are scheduled to be held on a date on or after 8 May 2021. Requests for mediation under the MCMP must be submitted to Ministry of Law (MinLaw) by 31 December 2021. For more information on the MCMP, please refer to MinLaw’s website at www.go.gov.sg/mediation-programme