

**With effect from 16 May 2021**

## **Safe Management Measures for Marriage Solemnizations**

These Safe Management Measures aim to provide a safe environment for marriage couples and their guests during marriage solemnizations.

Organisers of solemnization events (which could include venue operators/ owners<sup>1</sup>, solemnization planners, the marriage couple and/ or their relatives/ friends) responsible for supplying or procuring the premises and any goods and services related to the event (whether or not for reward and whether jointly or otherwise) are required to put in place the following safe management measures.

**In line with the cessation of dine-in food & beverage services, wedding receptions will not be allowed.**

### **1. Overall**

- 1.1. Prevailing rules applying to each entity/ venue will continue to apply. Venue owners may determine if and when to allow solemnizations to be held in their premises, and may set additional conditions for their use, based on their capacity or ability to ensure safe management measures are implemented.
- 1.2. It is recommended that organisers appoint a Safe Management Officer to ensure that safe management measures are adhered to.
- 1.3. The Solemnizer may postpone the solemnization if safe management measures are not implemented or adhered to for the solemnization.
- 1.4. For external venues (excluding home, ROM(M) Building and places of worship), organisers should prepare response plans to manage situations such as handling unwell guests. This includes ensuring staff are familiar with the procedures in the handling of unwell and/ or uncooperative guests.
- 1.5. Each couple is only allowed one marriage solemnization event (without food and beverage) with respect to their marriage. The event must be completed in the minimum time required.
- 1.6. The event can only be held in a single venue managed by the same operator. The event may take place over multiple rooms within the same venue.

### **2. Limits on Number of Attendees**

- 2.1. Where held in an external venue (i.e. outside the ROM(M) Building or a place of residence), the maximum number of attendees in total for the entire event must not exceed:
  - 2.1.1. A total of 50 persons or a lower number (without Pre-Event Testing (PET)),
  - 2.1.2. A total of 100 persons or a lower number (with PET), depending on venue capacity, safe distancing measures and/ or other factors to be determined by the venue owner/ operator or organisers.

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<sup>1</sup> Includes the religious organisation if held in a place of worship.

- 2.2. If the total number of attendees is between 51 to 100 persons, attendees must be split into multiple zones of up to 50 persons. The caps include the couple and the solemnization party, and excludes the Solemnizer (for solemnization), vendors and venue staff engaged to provide authorised services for the solemnization. Vendors and venue staff should be kept to the minimum required.
- 2.3. For marriage solemnizations held in a place of residence, the maximum number of attendees for the home solemnization must not exceed, including the couple, (i) 10 persons, not counting the Solemnizer and vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the solemnization.<sup>2 3</sup> Vendors should be kept to the minimum required.
- 2.4. For all solemnizations, couples are to provide their guest and vendor list according to their zone to the Solemnizer at least one day before the solemnization.
- 2.5. The guest list for solemnizations should be made available onsite for verification/ checking.

### **3. PET Requirements**

- 3.1. For solemnizations involving between 51-100 attendees, PET will be required for all unvaccinated attendees<sup>4</sup> (including the bride and groom).
- 3.2. The attendee caps include the couple and exclude the Solemnizer, vendors and venue staff engaged to provide authorised services for the solemnization.
- 3.4. The PET must be done:
  - (i) Before entry to the solemnization; and
  - (ii) At most 24 hours before the end of the event.Organisers should advise the couple and invited guests on (i) and (ii) above as attendees should not stay in the event beyond the validity period of their test results.
- 3.5. Organisers must ensure that the relevant attendees in line with paras 3.1 have a valid negative test result, or are exempted from PET, before allowing them to attend the solemnization. The guidelines for PET are available at <https://go.gov.sg/pet>.

### **4. Group Size and Safe Distancing**

- 4.1. For solemnizations held in external venues (i.e. outside the ROM(M) Building or a place of residence), guests must be split into fixed groups of up to 2 persons each, with no intermingling or mixing between groups. This will also apply within each zone.
- 4.2. An exception may be made for a designated core “solemnization party” comprising up to 20 persons (including the bride and groom), which is part

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<sup>2</sup> For example, if there are 6 persons currently living in your household, the 6 residents and an additional 4 visitors can attend a marriage solemnization in your home. The total of 10 persons counts the couple but excludes the solemnizer and vendors..

<sup>3</sup> From 16 May 2021, an individual must not permit to enter or remain in his or her place of residence more than 2 visitors on any single day. An exception is made for home solemnizations which remain subject to the limits in paragraph 2.3. However, if a place of residence has 2 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.

<sup>4</sup> Attendees who have successfully completed COVID-19 vaccination in Singapore are exempted from PET (i.e. 14 days have passed since the date of the last required dose of your vaccination).

of the 100 overall attendee cap. Individuals in this “solemnization party” may interact with one another within the party and may sit with one another. However, they must not intermingle or mix with other attendees outside the “solemnization party”.

- 4.3. At least 1m safe distancing must be observed between groups, as well as between the “solemnization party” and other groups, at all times, including for photo-taking.

## **5. Zoning Requirements**

- 5.1. For solemnizations held in external venues (i.e. outside the ROM(M) Building or a place of residence), the maximum number of attendees in each zone must not exceed a total of 50 persons.
- 5.2. All attendees, including the couple and solemnization party, must only be assigned to one zone each. Entering an unassigned zone is not allowed, except for the couple who may do so briefly e.g. to take photos. Service staff and vendors may also cross between zones as necessary to perform their job.
- 5.3. Zones must be completely separated from one another by either a physical solid partition (at least 1.8m high, from wall to wall); or at least 3m physical spacing demarcated by continuous physical barriers (e.g. formed by plexiglass screens, barricade tape, queue pole stands linked by retractable belts).
- 5.4. There must be either be a separate ingress/ egress for each zone or staggered entrance/ exit timings so that attendees from different zones do not mix with one another during entry/ exit (including any movements in and out of the venue during the event).
- 5.5. Where possible, service staff should be designated to specific zones and avoid mixing with staff serving other zones.

## **6. Venue Set-up**

- 6.1. The venue should be set up to ensure that the attendance limit and zoning requirements, as well as group size limits and safe distancing requirements above are adhered to at all times.
- 6.2. There should be fixed seating for all attendees.

## **7. Management of Common Facilities**

- 7.1. Organisers should put in place measures to minimise crowding or mixing at common facilities e.g. corridors, toilets. Where possible, specific common facilities should be designated to specific zones so that attendees from different zones do not mix when using such facilities.
- 7.2. Where 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. This could include the deployment of ushers or Safety Ambassadors to remind attendees against clustering and loitering in common areas.
- 7.3. Premises hosting multiple events concurrently should put in place measures to ensure no inter-mixing between attendees of different events.

## **8. Use of Face Masks**

- 8.1. Organisers should ensure that attendees are wearing face masks at all times, in accordance with the prevailing national policy, with the exception of the bride and groom who may wear face shields during the course of the event instead.
- 8.2. Masks should be kept on for photo-taking, except for the bride and groom who may wear face shields. The safe distancing requirements in para 4 must be observed at all times.

## **9. Food and Beverage**

- 9.1. Food and beverage must not be served at solemnizations.

## **10. Live Performances and other high-risk activities**

- 10.1. At **solemnizations** in a place of residence and indoor venues (except at ROM(M) Building), live instrumental music (except for the playing of wind instruments) is allowed, with the necessary safe management measures in place.
  - 10.1.1. Musicians should be kept to the minimum and must be masked at all times. Musicians should also minimise movement to ensure that the 1-metre safe distance can be adhered to at all times.
  - 10.1.2. Live instrumental music remains disallowed at solemnizations in outdoor venues, i.e. places which are not enclosed.
  - 10.1.3. Activities involving singing, dancing or loud talking/ shouting remain disallowed at solemnizations at all venues.

## **11. Attendance Control and Contact Tracing**

- 11.1. Organisers should conduct temperature screening and checks on visible symptoms for customers at entrances, and turn away those with fever and/ or those who appear unwell.
- 11.2. Should the event require PET, organisers are responsible for conducting the SafeEntry check-in and must verify the PET status of every attendee using the SafeEntry (Business) application and other acceptable documents before allowing entry. Please refer to the [go.gov.sg/pet](https://go.gov.sg/pet) for more information.
- 11.3. All attendees should check in to the event using SafeEntry. The venue owner/ operator or organisers should have a unique QR code for the event space, e.g. hotel ballroom or private room in a restaurant.
- 11.4. All attendees should download and activate TraceTogether before attending the event. Organisers should perform checks that TraceTogether has been activated e.g. at the point of checking that the attendee has checked in via SafeEntry.
- 11.5. Organisers are encouraged to stagger the arrival and departure timings of attendees. Queuing in groups should be discouraged.
- 11.6. Organisers are encouraged to adopt contactless modes of operation where possible e.g. putting the seating arrangements online or on a board instead of a manned reception counter to minimise contact between individuals.

## **12. Ensuring Cleanliness and Hygiene**

- 12.1. Before the start of each time slot and where applicable, the venue owner/ operator or organisers must clean and disinfect the event spaces, common facilities (e.g. toilets), tables and chairs before and after use, including high-touch surfaces such as handrails, door handles, lift buttons, etc.

- 12.2. Where applicable, the venue owner/ operator or organisers should provide disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfectant sprays, wipes, etc. for attendees and staff at common areas or areas with high-touch surfaces.