

With effect from 15 March 2022

Safe Management Measures for Marriage Solemnizations and Wedding Receptions

These Safe Management Measures (SMMs) aim to provide a safe environment for wedding couples and their guests during marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions.

Organisers (which could include venue operators/owners¹, wedding planners, the wedding couple and/or their relatives/friends), who are responsible for supplying or procuring the premises and any goods and services related to the solemnization or wedding (whether or not for reward and whether jointly or otherwise), are required to put in place the following safe management measures.

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From **Tuesday, 15 March 2022**, the SMMs for marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions are updated with the following attendee/capacity limits (including Bride and Groom but excluding Solemnizer and vendors):

	From 15 March 2022 onwards
Marriage Solemnizations	
Home	Up to 10 attendees or up to 5 visitors (whichever is higher), with Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) requirement ²
ROM/M Building	Up to 10 attendees, with VDS requirement
External venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No limit on event size, which will be subject to the venue capacity. However, if there are more than 1,000 attendees, it will be subject to 50% of venue capacity³.• With VDS requirement.• As solemnization is a mask-on event, safe distancing is not required between masked individuals or groups⁴.
Wedding Receptions	
Home and ROM/M Building	Not allowed
External venues (Excluding Places of Worship)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No limit on event size; subject to new venue capacity limit allowing safe distancing requirements to be met;• With VDS requirement;• As wedding reception is a mask-off event, group size of up to 5 attendees, with 1 metre safe distance between groups

¹ Includes the religious organisation if held in a place of worship.

² Refer to para 3 for details of VDS requirements.

³ For example, if an event venue's full capacity is 2,400 attendees (after compliance with fire safety requirement), the venue can take in solemnization of up to 1,200 attendees based on the 50% capacity limit. Venue operators should spread out the attendees evenly within the venue, to reduce crowding

⁴ Should there be any attendee with legitimate reasons to unmask (e.g. under the special provisions), organiser must ensure that safe distance is being adhered to between the unmasked attendee and the other attendees.

1. Overview

- 1.1. Prevailing rules will continue to apply to each entity/venue. Venue owners may determine if and when to allow marriage solemnizations and/or wedding receptions 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 will 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 attendees. This includes ensuring staff are familiar with the procedures in the handling of unwell and/or uncooperative attendees.
- 1.5. Each couple is only allowed one marriage solemnization (without food and beverage) and one wedding reception with respect to their marriage⁵. Each event must be completed within the same calendar day, although the marriage solemnization and the wedding reception may be held on separate days.
- 1.6. Each 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.
- 1.7. In a place of residence, only marriage solemnizations are allowed, and not wedding receptions.

2. Limits on Number of Attendees

- 2.1. **From 15 March 2022 onwards**, the event size limits for marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions **held in an external venue** will be lifted. Instead, the event size will be subject to the new venue capacity limit. For wedding receptions, the capacity will be limited by 1m safe distancing and prevailing group size. For solemnizations, where the event size is more than 1,000 attendees, it will be subject to 50% of venue capacity; and attendees should be spread out evenly within the venue, to reduce crowding.
- 2.2. All wedding events including home solemnizations, irrespective of event size, must implement VDS in order to proceed. Parties to the marriage must also meet the VDS requirement.
- 2.3. Wedding receptions can only be held at an external venue (excluding places of worship)
- 2.4. The maximum number of attendees may be lower than the limits above, depending on venue capacity, safe distancing measures and/or other factors to be determined by the venue owner/operator or organisers.
- 2.5. The maximum number of attendees includes the couple and guests but excludes the Solemnizer, vendors and venue staff engaged to provide authorised services for the event.

⁵ 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 attendees who are leaving or entering the venue.

- 2.6. 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 in addition to the members of the hosting household, whichever is higher (including the couple, not counting the Solemnizer and vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the solemnization).⁶ Vendors should be kept to the minimum required. Organisers should ensure that residents who are not attending the home solemnization do not physically interact or intermingle with the attendees at the solemnization. Attendees of solemnization events including home solemnizations must meet the VDS requirement, including the parties to the marriage.
- 2.7. The guest list for marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions should be made available onsite for verification/checking.

3. Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS)

- 3.1. VDS for vaccinated individuals have been implemented since 10 August 2021 for selected premises, activities, and events, including marriage solemnizations and wedding receptions. Please refer to the [MOH advisory on VDS](#) for the most updated information on the vaccination regimens and approved vaccines recognized for eligibility for VDS. Individuals may check whether they are considered “fully vaccinated” at <https://go.gov.sg/vax-status-query>.
- 3.2. The following categories of individuals are allowed to enter premises or participate in events where VDS are required:
- (i) Fully vaccinated i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation’s 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. From 14 February 2022, persons aged 18 years old and above who have completed the primary vaccination series and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. Upon receiving their booster, they will continue to be considered as fully vaccinated beyond the 270 days. The same will apply to persons aged 12 to 17 years old from 14 March 2022;
 - (ii) Recovered from COVID-19 in Singapore with unvaccinated or incomplete vaccination status within 180 days starting from the day of first local positive Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test result, or positive Antigen Rapid Test (ART) result obtained at approved test providers (including self-administered ART and supervised self-administered ART), or positive serology test attributable to infection and not past vaccination;
 - (iii) Children who are 12 years old and below (i.e. born in or after the year 2010), who are unvaccinated, are also eligible for VDS;
 - (v) Individuals who are certified to be medically ineligible for all vaccines under the National Vaccination Programme (NVP). To be certified as medically ineligible, individuals may visit a doctor familiar with their medical condition, or alternatively, any clinic or hospital.

⁶ For example, if there are 6 attendees currently living in your household, the 6 residents and an additional 5 visitors can attend a marriage solemnization in your home, i.e. total of 11 attendees.

- 3.3. Where VDS apply, the organisers of the event are required to check that the relevant attendees (in line with paras 2.1) meet the eligibility requirements stated in para 3.1. before allowing them entry to⁷ or remain in the event venue to attend the marriage solemnization or wedding reception. For home solemnizations, organisers are also required to remind all attendees at least one hour before the start of the event that VDS applies to the event.

4. Group Size and Safe Distancing

- 4.1. For wedding receptions held at external venues (i.e. outside of the ROM/M Building or a place of residence), attendees must be split into fixed groups of up to 5 attendees each (based on the prevailing group size for social gatherings), with no intermingling or mixing between groups.
- 4.2. For wedding receptions or marriage solemnizations, there can be a designated core “wedding party” comprising up to 20 attendees (including the bride and groom), who are part of the overall attendee cap for marriage solemnizations/wedding receptions and as detailed below:

	Safe Distance	Wedding Party
Solemnization Events	Not required between masked individuals or groups	Up to 20 attendees
Wedding Receptions	1 metre safe distance between groups at all times	Up to 20 attendees, and up to a cap of 5 unvaccinated children aged 12 and below.

- 4.3. Individuals in this wedding party may interact with one another within the party and may sit with one another at tables of more than 5 attendees during the wedding reception. However, they must not intermingle or mix with other attendees outside the wedding party.
- 4.4. For wedding receptions, at least 1-metre safe distance must be observed between groups, as well as between the “wedding party” and other groups, at all times,.

5. Use of Face Masks

- 5.1. Organisers must ensure that attendees are wearing face masks 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. The bride and groom may also remove their face shield 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 1 metre from others at such times.
- 5.2. Up to 10 individuals are allowed to unmask when engaged in public speaking for marriage solemnizations at external venues (i.e. in venues excluding place of residence and the ROM/M building), as well as for wedding receptions, while maintaining a distance of at least 1 metre from the audience. The unmasked individuals must also maintain a distance of at

⁷ VDS checks need not be done by the organisers of solemnizations or wedding receptions if the venue used is already subject to VDS checks separately. For example, if the wedding reception is being held in a restaurant within a shopping mall, the shopping mall would already have conducted its own set of VDS checks and thus the organiser would not have to do the checks again at the wedding reception.

least 1 metre from each other unless the individuals are members of the wedding party.

- 5.3. All other attendees must wear their masks at all times. Masks may be removed momentarily for photo-taking, and must be worn immediately after the photos are taken.

6. **Special Provisions**

- 6.1. The following special provisions will be allowed for wedding events, subject to additional precautions:

	Event	Applicable to	Masked/ Unmask
Unmasked throughout the event	Marriage solemnization (excluding ROM/M building) and wedding reception	Bride and groom only	Unmasked
Dancing	Wedding reception only	Bride and groom only	May unmask
Singing	Marriage solemnization (external venues only) and wedding receptions	Up to 10 individuals from the wedding party	May unmask

- 6.2. These individuals are required to maintain a distance of at least 1 metre from the other guests (i.e. those who are not part of the wedding party) when engaged in the above activities.

- 6.3. To engage in the above activities, the wedding couple or relevant individuals from the wedding party are required to:

- (i) undergo an Antigen Rapid Test (ART) minimally supervised by the venue operator⁸ (either in person or virtually), within 24 hours prior to the end of the event; or
- (ii) have a valid Pre-Event Test (PET) obtained within 24 hours prior to the end of the event. More details on PET requirements are available at <https://go.gov.sg/pet>.

	Additional Precautions
Fully vaccinated	ART/PET required
Recovered from COVID-19	ART/PET required
Child aged 12 years or below	ART/PET required
Unvaccinated	Not eligible for special provisions

7. **Venue Set-up**

- 7.1. The venue should be set up to ensure that the attendance/capacity limit requirements and safe distancing requirements (e.g. between different vendors and between vendors and attendees at wedding receptions) are adhered to at all times.
- 7.2. There should be fixed seating for all attendees at wedding receptions.
- 7.3. Venue operators should spread out the attendees evenly within the venue at solemnizations, to reduce crowding.

⁸ 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.

8. Management of Common Facilities

- 8.1. 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 so that attendees from different events held at the same premises do not mix when using such facilities.
- 8.2. 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 crowding or compromise of safe distancing. This could include the deployment of ushers or Safety Ambassadors to remind attendees against clustering and loitering in common areas.
- 8.3. Premises hosting multiple events concurrently should put in place measures to ensure no inter-mixing between attendees of different events.

9. Food and Beverage

- 9.1. Food and beverage must not be served at marriage solemnizations.
- 9.2. At wedding receptions, self-service buffets or staff-served food lines are not allowed. Food and beverage must be served to seated attendees. Sharing dishes/platters are strongly discouraged. Attendees should not share cups/cutlery/utensils. No sale or consumption of alcohol is allowed after 10.30pm.

10. Live Performances and other high-risk activities

- 10.1. Live instrumental music is allowed (except for the playing of wind instruments), with the necessary safe management measures in place only for marriage solemnizations in a place of residence and indoor venues (except at ROM/M Building). Musicians should be kept to the minimum and must be masked at all times. Musicians should also minimise movement to ensure that safe distancing can be adhered to at all times.
- 10.2. Live performances remain disallowed at solemnizations in outdoor venues, i.e. places which are not enclosed, and at wedding receptions.
- 10.3. With the exception of special provisions listed at para 6.1, activities involving singing, wind instruments, dancing or loud talking/ shouting remain disallowed at all events at all venues.

11. Attendance Control and Contact Tracing

- 11.1. Organisers should conduct checks on visible symptoms for attendees at entrances, and turn away those who appear unwell.
- 11.2. All attendees must check in to the event using TraceTogether-only SafeEntry⁹ unless the event venue is already subject to SafeEntry and VDS checks separately.
- 11.3. Organisers are encouraged to stagger the arrival and departure timings of attendees.
- 11.4. 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.

⁹ Refer to <https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/safeentry/> for details.

12. Ensuring Cleanliness and Hygiene

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