

## Advisory on Safe Management Measures for Fruit Machine Rooms

Dear Permit Holders,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) had announced an update of the SMMs on 11 March 2022, as part of the nation's effort to transit to a COVID-19 resilient nation.
2. The SMMs for Fruit Machine Rooms (FMRs) have been updated in accordance with the announcement as attached in **Annex A**. With effect from 15 March 2022, the changes include:
  - a. Safe distancing is encouraged but will not be required between individuals or groups in all mask-on settings.
  - b. Permit Holders are no longer required to maintain the capacity limit for settings with ≤1,000 persons.
  - c. Permit Holders should inform GRU if there are 20 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 and symptomatic ART positive (Ag+) cases amongst employees over 3 consecutive days. In computing the number of confirmed cases, the Permit Holder should include all employees who are working in the clubhouse and not restrict to employees working in the FMR only.
3. Permit holders are required to fully comply with the Workforce Vaccination Measures (WVM) under the Workplace Safety and Health (COVID-19 Safe Workplace) Regulations 2021 (WSH Regulations 2021). As part of the WVM, **unvaccinated employees are not allowed to return to the workplace, even if they have a negative Pre-Event Testing (PET) result.**
4. Permit Holders are reminded to **fully comply with the stipulated requirements under the Ministry of Health's (MOH) [COVID protocol 1/2/3](#)** upon detection of any confirmed COVID-19 cases among employees working in the FMRs.
5. In addition, Permit Holders are also encouraged to adopt some of the best practices listed in **Annex B**, to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 transmission in the FMRs.

### ***Liability and Responsibility of Permit Holders***

6. Permit Holders must fully comply with the requirements under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 and the WSH Regulations 2021. Permit Holders who do not do so may **face a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or both, for the first offence**. Higher penalties of a fine of not exceeding \$20,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or both, will apply for subsequent offences.
7. Permit Holders are encouraged to regularly check the following websites and Regulations for the prevailing SMMs that apply for its FMRs:
  - a. GoBusiness website at :
    - i <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/general>;
    - ii <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>; and
  - b. the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020; and
  - c. the WSH Regulations 2021.

### ***Contact Information***

8. For further queries, please contact the Gambling Regulatory Unit (GRU) via email at [MHA\\_GRU\\_PL @MHA.gov.sg](mailto:MHA_GRU_PL@MHA.gov.sg) .

**SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR FRUIT MACHINE ROOMS  
(For Mandatory Compliance)**

1. Mask-wearing continues to remain as the default in the Fruit Machine Room (“FMR”).
2. **Management of ART-positive case (“Ag+”)**
  - a. In the event of 20 or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 and symptomatic ART positive (Ag+) cases among employees over 3 consecutive days, Permit Holders must **inform the Gambling Regulatory Unit (GRU)** via email at: [MHA GRU PL@mha.gov.sg](mailto:MHA_GRU_PL@mha.gov.sg) and provide all relevant information related to the said confirmed case(s), including the FMR name and list of club employees with the following details:
    - i. Name of Club
    - ii. Name of-employee tested Covid Positive
    - iii. NRIC
    - iv. Date the employee was tested Covid positive

## BEST PRACTICES ON SAFE MEASURES FOR FRUIT MACHINE ROOMS OPERATIONS

### 1. Safe Measures for the Fruit Machine Room (“FMR”) Operations

- a. **Conduct checks for respiratory symptoms for all persons prior to entry into the FMR.** Persons who are unwell (i.e. having fever, and/or visible signs of respiratory illness, e.g. cough, sniffing, etc) should be asked to leave the FMR.
- b. **Actively monitor the health status** (including checks for respiratory symptoms) **of all persons within the FMR.** Any person within the FMR who is feeling unwell or showing symptoms of illness should be asked to leave immediately to consult a doctor, even if the symptoms appear mild.
- c. **Though not mandatory in a mask-on setting environment,** safe distancing is encouraged amongst individuals or groups in the FMR.
- d. **Ensure that no social activities are conducted within FMR** other than Fruit Machine gaming activities.
- e. **Encourage spread of staff and members** within and avoid congregation of people within the FMR.
- f. **Provide cleaning and disinfecting agents** at every playable Fruit Machine and at areas which are deem as high touch surfaces, such as entrance/exit points, cashier’s counter, and kiosks (if any).
- g. **Ensure regular cleaning and disinfection of the FMR,** especially Fruit Machines with high touch points, adhering to the sanitation and hygiene advisories disseminated by the National Environment Agency (NEA), found at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines>.
- h. **All repair and maintenance works** shall be carried out after the operation hours of the FMR, unless such repair work is necessary for FMR to service its members.
- i. **Ensure contractors to complete the repair and maintenance works promptly** and leave the FMR immediately, after completion of the works.
- j. **Put up signs to remind members, staff and contractors** to observe the SMMs in place at all times.

### 2. Management of confirmed Covid positive case detected among FMR employees

#### a. Suspend FMR’s operations for cleaning:

- i. **Cleaning of FMR** - Ensure thorough cleaning and disinfecting to the FMR has been performed, in accordance to NEA guidelines (<https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines>).
- ii. **Notify** GRU to resume FMR operations after completion of cleaning and disinfection to FMR, at least 3 hours prior to the opening the FMR to its members.