

Updated as at 27 September 2021

Advisory on Tightened Measures of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) for for Public Entertainment (PE) Venues

Dear Licensees,

Update on SMMs for PE Venues

The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) had announced the implementation of tighter safe management measures (SMMs) to mitigate the increasing number of COVID-19 infections, which will **take effect from 27 September 2021 to 24 October 2021**.

2. The **SMMs for PE-licensed venues that are permitted to operate have been updated accordingly**. In particular, the permissible group size is now capped at 2 persons and dining-in is also only permitted for up to 2 persons who are fully-vaccinated[#]; **Annex A** refers with the SMM updates highlighted in yellow.

#An individual is considered vaccinated if he/she has been: a) 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 system; b) recovered from COVID-19; or c) has obtained a negative result on a pre-event test taken in the past 24 hours before the expected end of the event.

3. In addition, the operator of any PE outlet must fully comply with the stipulated requirements in **Annex A1** to upon detection of any confirmed COVID-19 cases among employees in their licensed premises.

4. All PE operators are also strongly encouraged to implement the additional measures in **Annex B** to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission on their premises.

5. **Nightlife PE venues must continue to remain closed**. Nightlife establishments that wish to pivot to other permitted businesses or exit the industry may visit <https://covid.qobusiness.gov.sg/faq> for more information on the support provided.

Liability and Responsibility of Licensees

6. PE operators who do not comply with the above requirements may be liable for an offence under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 and 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. Failure to comply with these requirements may also result in ineligibility for any Government support.

7. PE operators should also ensure that the requirements under the Public Entertainments Act, the rules and regulations made thereunder, and all licensing conditions imposed, are strictly complied with at all times. **Any non-compliance with the relevant laws may result in regulatory action, including but not limited to prosecution and revocation/non-renewal of the PE licence**.

8. Licensees are encouraged to **regularly check the following websites and Regulations for the prevailing SMMs that apply for its venues:**

- a. GoBusiness website at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/sector/>;
- b. SPF website at <https://www.police.gov.sg/e-Services/Police-Licences/Public-Entertainment-Licence>; and
- c. the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020.

Contact Information

9. For further queries, please contact the Police Licensing & Regulatory Department at Tel: 6835 0000 or via email at SPF_PLRD_PELLD@spf.gov.sg.

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

To resume business activities, all Public Entertainment (PE) operators must establish a system to implement and ensure adherence to the Safe Management Measures (SMMs) listed below:

1. For all PE venues

- 1.1. Implement TraceTogether-only SafeEntry visitor management system and deploy SafeEntry Gateway to record the entry of all personnel (including employees, suppliers/contractors, and customers) entering the premises.¹
- 1.2. Put up signs to remind employees and customers to observe all SMMs in place at all times.
- 1.3. Implement a detailed monitoring plan to ensure compliance with SMMs and that issues are resolved in a timely manner (e.g. remedy of non-compliance, risk mitigation).
- 1.4. Appoint Safe Management Officer(s) (SMO) to assist in the implementation, coordination and monitoring of the system of SMMs at the premises. Duties of the SMO include the training of other employees to engage customers to comply with SMMs, conducting inspections and checks to ensure that SMMs are complied with at all times; and keeping records of the checks which may be requested by the authorities. Where non-compliance of SMMs are found during the inspections, the SMO will also remedy the non-compliance with immediate action.
- 1.5. Implement a follow-up plan with precautionary measures in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19, including immediately vacating the premises for thorough cleaning and disinfecting of all relevant on-site areas and assets that were exposed to confirmed cases, in accordance with National Environment Agency (NEA) guidelines found at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines>.
- 1.6. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 among any employee, the operator must **inform the Police Licensing & Regulatory Department (PLRD) immediately and temporarily suspend all operations.** Please refer to **Annex A1** on the requirements upon the detection of any confirmed case of COVID-19 among employees in the licensed premises.
- 1.7. PE venues that provide food and beverages (F&B) must ensure that its F&B operations form only an ancillary component of the business operations (i.e. primary activity is to provide PE), and these F&B activities occur within a separate section of the premises.
- 1.8. Areas used for the F&B activities[#] (i.e. the sale and consumption of F&B) must be clearly demarcated and SMMs applicable to F&B establishments must be complied with at all times by all persons using the areas.

#From 27 September 2021 to 24 October 2021, dining-in at F&B establishments, both indoor and outdoor, will only allow for groups of up to 2 persons if all the diners are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated individuals with a valid negative pre-event test result,

¹ More information on TraceTogether-only SafeEntry, SafeEntry Gateway and a full list of places where the measures must be deployed can be found at <https://www.safeentry.gov.sg/deployment>. From 17 May 2021, the venues must ensure that all individuals use either their TraceTogether (TT) App or TT Token to check-in and the venues must only permit those who check in with the TT App or Token to enter their premises. From 15 June 2021, the venues must also deploy the SafeEntry Gateway in App or Box version and information can be found at go.gov.sg/gateway-overview.

recovered individuals, and children aged 12 years and below may also be included in such groups of 2.

2. Specific to amusement centres

- 2.1. The number of persons within the premises must comply with the occupancy limit of one person per 10 square metres (sqm) of Gross Floor Area (GFA).
- 2.2. Game machines must be placed sufficiently far apart with clear demarcation of a space around each machine meant for a group of up to two customers using it to ensure they maintain a safe distance of at least one metre away from other groups of customers and no mixing of different groups of customers. If a series of game machines are attached together, there must be demarcation for alternate machines not to be used, such that safe distancing can be maintained.
- 2.3. Queue lines must be clearly demarcated for each game machine, to ensure at least one metre spacing between customers or groups of customers.
- 2.4. Game machines and tokens must be cleaned and disinfected between peak periods, and at the end of the day.
- 2.5. For amusement centres with unique concepts [e.g. virtual reality (VR) and escape rooms]:
 - 2.5.1. All used equipment must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each session for each customer, before the next customer uses them. This also applies if the equipment is transferred from one customer to another during a game.
 - 2.5.2. Safe distancing must be maintained at all times, by clearly demarcating spaces at least one metre apart for each group of up to two customers at common areas, and limiting the use of each room to such specified group at any time, with no mixing of different groups of customers.

3. Specific to computer games centres

- 3.1. The number of persons within the premises must comply with the occupancy limit of one person per 10 sqm of GFA.
- 3.2. Safe distancing must be maintained at all times, by maintaining at least one metre spacing between tables/terminals, and clearly demarcating alternate tables/terminals not to be used.
- 3.3. Computer equipment and terminals must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each session for each customer, before the next customer uses them.

4. Specific to snooker / billiard saloons

- 4.1. The number of persons within the premises must be capped at 100 persons or 50% of its original capacity measured by the premises' occupant load, whichever is lower, at any time.
- 4.2. Safe distancing between customers must be maintained at all times, by maintaining at least one metre spacing between tables, and clearly demarcating alternate tables not to be used.
- 4.3. All equipment (such as cue sticks, balls, and tables etc) must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each session for each customer, before the next customer uses them. Customers must not exchange cue sticks during the game.

5. Specific to paintball/airsoft game centres

- 5.1. The number of persons within the premises must be capped at 100 persons or 50% of its original capacity measured by the premises' occupant load (within the indoor premises), whichever is lower, at any time.
- 5.2. All individuals must wear a mask at all times within the premises, unless the individual is participating in a paintball/airsoft game.
- 5.3. All customers must be separated by at least 2 metres from each other during a paintball/airsoft game.
- 5.4. Safe distancing must be maintained at all times, by clearly demarcating spaces for each group of up to two customers for paintball/airsoft games, and alternate lanes of at least one metre apart to be used for target paintball/airsoft shooting. There should be no mixing between different groups of customers at all times.
- 5.5. Queue lines must be clearly demarcated for each lane for target paintball/airsoft shooting, to ensure at least one metre spacing between customers or groups of customers.
- 5.6. All paintball/airsoft equipment (e.g. paintball/airsoft guns, vest, and facial masks) must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each session for each customer, before the next customer uses them. This also applies if any equipment is transferred from one customer to another during a paintball/airsoft game, or target paintball/airsoft shooting.

6. Specific to axe-throwing centre

- 6.1. The number of persons within the premises must comply with the occupancy limit of one person per 10 sqm of GFA.
- 6.2. Safe distancing must be maintained at all times, by clearly demarcating alternate lanes of at least one metre apart to be used.
- 6.3. Queue lines must be clearly demarcated for each axe-throwing lane, to ensure at least one metre spacing between customers or groups of customers.
- 6.4. Axes and related equipment must be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each session for each customer, before the next customer uses them. This also applies if the axe or related equipment is transferred from one customer to another during a game.

ANNEX A1 – Updated as at 27 September 2021

MANAGING COVID-19 POSITIVE CASES IN PE OUTLETS

1. In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 among any employee within the PE outlet, the operator of the PE-licensed venue must **inform PLRD immediately via email at: SPF_PLRD_PELLD@spf.gov.sg**. The operator must provide all relevant information related to the said confirmed case (including information on the employees working in the same premises), and the contact number(s) of the outlet's responsible person(s) for PLRD to seek further clarifications where required.
2. The operator must **immediately close the premises where the confirmed case had worked** and ensure the **thorough deep-cleaning and disinfecting of all relevant on-site areas and assets** that were exposed to confirmed cases, in accordance with National Environment Agency (NEA) guidelines found at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines>. The operator must furnish confirmation to PLRD that such services had been completed before operations can resume; the operator **must not resume operations prior to PLRD's approval**.
3. Employees of affected PE outlets must conduct two Antigen Rapid Test (ART) within 10 days; one ART upon detection of a confirmed case of COVID-19, and another at the end of the 10-day period. During this period, employees should also monitor their own health.
4. **Employees who tested ART-positive must not work on-site**. Such staff who tested ART-positive and does not have any acute respiratory symptom should do the following:
 - a. Self-isolate for at least 72 hours;
 - b. Do another ART after 72 hours;
 - c. If the ART is negative, the staff may resume work;
 - d. If the ART is positive and the staff still does not have any acute respiratory symptom, the staff should continue to self-isolate and take ART every 24 hours. The staff can only resume work when the ART is negative
 - e. If the staff develops respiratory symptoms or starts to feel unwell during this period, they should seek further medical advice at an approved clinic.
5. All ART results must be submitted to PLRD. PLRD will contact the affected outlet on the format of the submission.