

## With effect from 29 March 2022

### Safe Management Measures for Marriage Solemnisations and Wedding Receptions

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

Organisers (which could include venue operators/owners<sup>1</sup>, 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 solemnisation or wedding (whether or not for reward and whether jointly or otherwise), are required to put in place the following safe management measures.

The SMMs are revised along these four parameters<sup>2</sup>:

a. Group Sizes: The group size is limited to no more than **10 persons**.

b. Mask-Wearing: **Mask-wearing continues to be required for indoor settings but is optional in outdoor settings**. However, we encourage individuals to wear their masks even when outdoors for personal protection and to protect others, especially in crowded areas.

c. Safe Distancing: Safe distancing continues to be encouraged but is not required between individuals or groups for mask-on settings. **A safe distance of at least 1 metre continues to be required for mask-off settings** between individuals or between groups up to the prevailing group size limit.

d. Capacity Limits: The capacity limit for large events and mask-on settings of more than 1,000 pax is increased to **75%**.

### **This set of SMMs applies with effect from 29 March 2022.**

From **Tuesday, 29 March 2022**, the SMMs for marriage solemnisations and wedding receptions are updated with the following attendee/capacity limits (including Bride and Groom but excluding Solemniser and vendors):

	<b>From 29 March 2022 onwards</b>
<b>Marriage Solemnisations</b>	
Home	Up to 10 visitors, with Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS) requirement <sup>3</sup>
ROM/M Building	Up to 16 attendees, with VDS requirement

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

<sup>2</sup> Refer to MTF press release dated 24 March 2022 for the details of these core parameters.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to para 3 for details of VDS requirements.

External venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>For indoor settings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If no food and beverage (F&amp;B) is served, this will be a mask-on event, and will be subject to the venue capacity. However, if there are more than 1,000 attendees, it will be subject to 75% of venue capacity<sup>4</sup>.</li> <li>- If F&amp;B is served, this will be a mask-off event, similar to wedding receptions. Event size will be subject to venue capacity limit allowing safe distancing requirements to be met. Group size of up to 10 attendees and 1 metre safe distance between groups apply.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>For outdoor settings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No limit on event size; subject to venue capacity limit allowing safe distancing requirements to be met.</li> <li>- As mask wearing is optional for outdoor setting, group size of up to 10 attendees and 1 metre safe distance between groups apply if attendees are mask-off.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• With VDS requirement.</li> </ul>
<b>Wedding Receptions</b>	
ROM/M Building	Not allowed
Home	Up to 10 visitors at any one time (including vendors)
External venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No limit on event size; subject to venue capacity limit allowing safe distancing requirements to be met. Group size of up to 10 attendees and 1 metre safe distance between groups apply.</li> <li>• With VDS requirement.</li> </ul>

## 1. **Overview**

- 1.1. Prevailing rules will continue to apply to each entity/venue. Venue owners may determine if and when to allow marriage solemnisations 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 Solemniser will postpone the solemnisation if safe management measures are not implemented or adhered to for the solemnisation.
- 1.4. For external venues (excluding home and ROM/M Building), 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.

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

- 2.1. The event size limits for marriage solemnisations and wedding receptions held in an external venue have been lifted. Instead, the event size will be subject to the venue capacity limit. For wedding receptions and solemnisations where attendees are allowed to mask-off (i.e. solemnisations with F&B and solemnisations in outdoor settings), the capacity will be limited

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<sup>4</sup> For example, if an event venue's full capacity is 2,000 attendees (after compliance with fire safety requirement), the venue can take in solemnisation of up to 1,500 attendees based on the 75% capacity limit. Venue operators should spread out the attendees evenly within the venue, to reduce crowding

by 1m safe distancing and prevailing group size. For solemnisations with mask-on settings, where the event size is more than 1,000 attendees, it will be subject to 75% of venue capacity; and attendees should be spread out evenly within the venue, to reduce crowding.

- 2.2. Solemnisation events including home solemnisations and wedding receptions at external venues, irrespective of event size, must implement VDS in order to proceed. Parties to the marriage must also meet the VDS requirement.
- 2.3. The capacity limit includes the couple and guests but excludes the Solemniser, vendors and venue staff engaged to provide authorised services for the event (unless otherwise stated).
- 2.4. For marriage solemnisations held in a place of residence, the maximum number of attendees must not exceed 10 visitors, in addition to the individuals living in the place of residence (including the couple, not counting the Solemnizer and vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the solemnization).<sup>5</sup> Vendors should be kept to the minimum required. Organisers should ensure that residents who are not attending the solemnisations held at home do not physically interact or intermingle with the other attendees. Attendees must meet the VDS requirement, including the parties to the marriage.
- 2.5. Wedding reception at place of residence will be considered as social gathering and subject to the prevailing social visit limit of 10 visitors at any one time (including the vendors engaged to provide authorised services for the reception).

### **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 solemnisations 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;

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<sup>5</sup> For example, if there are 6 attendees currently living in your household, the 6 residents and an additional 10 visitors can attend a marriage solemnisation in your home, i.e. total of 16 attendees.

- (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.
- 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 to<sup>6</sup> or remain in the event venue to attend the marriage solemnisation or wedding reception. For home solemnisations, 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. Mask Wearing, Group Size and Safe Distancing**

- 4.1. From **29 March 2022**, mask-wearing will only be required for wedding events in indoor settings. It will be optional, but encouraged for wedding events in outdoor settings.
- 4.2. For wedding receptions and solemnisations with mask-off settings, they must be split into groups of up to 10 attendees each (based on the prevailing group size for social gatherings).
- 4.3. For wedding receptions and solemnisations with mask-off settings, at least 1-metre safe distance must be observed between groups, at all times.
- 4.4. In all mask-on setting, 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.
- 4.5. Masks may be removed momentarily for photo-taking at all setting, and must be worn immediately after the photos are taken.

#### **Venue Set-up**

- 4.6. 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.
- 4.7. There should be fixed seating for all attendees at wedding receptions.

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<sup>6</sup> VDS checks need not be done by the organisers of solemnisations 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.

## **5. Management of Common Facilities**

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Premises hosting multiple events concurrently should put in place measures to ensure no inter-mixing between attendees of different events.

## **6. Food and Beverage**

- 6.1. From 29 March 2022, food and beverage can be served at the marriage solemnisations.
- 6.2. Self-service buffets are not allowed. Food and beverage must be individually served to attendees. Attendees should not share dishes/platters and cups/cutlery/utensils.

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

- 7.1. From 29 March 2022, live performances and activities including singing, playing of wind instruments and dancing will be allowed for marriage solemnisation and wedding receptions.
- 7.2. Performers must comply with the 1 metre safe distancing requirement and the prevailing group size for mask-off activities if they are performing without wearing masks.

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

- 8.1. Organisers should conduct checks on visible symptoms for attendees at entrances, and turn away those who appear unwell.
- 8.2. All attendees must check in to the event using TraceTogether-only SafeEntry<sup>7</sup> unless the event venue is already subject to SafeEntry and VDS checks separately.
- 8.3. Organisers are encouraged to stagger the arrival and departure timings of attendees.
- 8.4. 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. Ensuring Cleanliness and Hygiene**

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. Where applicable, the venue owner/operator or organisers are encouraged to provide disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfectant sprays,

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<sup>7</sup> Refer to <https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/safemanagement/safeentry/> for details.

wipes, etc. for attendees and staff at common areas or areas with high-touch surfaces.