



UPDATED CIRCULAR ON SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES REQUIRED FOR ATTRACTIONS FROM 10 AUGUST 2021

- 1. As Singapore transits towards COVID resilience, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on <u>6 August 2021</u> that it would ease Safe Management Measures in two steps. The first step took effect from **10 August 2021** and the second from **19 August 2021**.
- 2. The measures applicable to attractions include:

From 10 August 2021:

- a. The maximum group size of visitors can be increased from 2 pax to 5 pax.
- b. Dining-in at F&B premises can resume in groups of up to 5 pax provided all diners are fully vaccinated (as defined in footnote¹). Unvaccinated children aged 12 years and below can be included within the group of 5 persons as long as all the children are from the same household².
- c. Indoor high-intensity activities for visitors where masks are not worn can resume in groups of up to 5 pax provided all participants are fully vaccinated¹. Unvaccinated children aged 12 years and below can be included within the group of 5 persons as long as all the children are from the same household²
- d. The maximum capacity for both indoor and outdoor shows³ can be increased to up to 500 pax of up to 50 pax per zone provided all attendees are fully vaccinated¹, or remain at 50 pax without Pre-Event Testing ("PET")⁴, or the safe venue capacity with Safe Management Measures ("SMMs") in place, whichever is lower.

From 19 August 2021:

- e. Operating capacity of attractions can be increased from 25% to 50%.
- f. Temperature screening requirement for entry to attractions can be removed.
- g. The maximum capacity for both indoor and outdoor shows can be increased to 1,000 pax of up to 50 pax per zone provided all attendees are fully vaccinated¹, or remain at 50 pax without PET, or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower.

¹ An individual is considered fully vaccinated if he/ she has been: a) fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the full regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty, Moderna or WHO EUL vaccines, with an additional two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective, 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.

² If there is more than one child in the group, all children must be from the same household. If there are other vaccinated individuals, they can be from different households as the child(ren).

³ Indoor and outdoor shows that are live performances must adhere to NAC's prevailing advisory for Live Performances, and any additional requirements imposed by MTI.

⁴ Please see <u>www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/pet</u>





- h. The maximum capacity of conveyance tours can be increased to 50 pax while the maximum capacity of non-conveyance tours will remain at 20 pax, with groups of no more than 5 pax within each such tour.
- i. Up to 50% of employees who can work from home can return to the workplace, and social gatherings at the workplace can resume.

From 1 October 2021:

- j. Vaccination is required for all staff interacting with customers in higher-risk settings where masks are not worn, including at F&B establishments. Any unvaccinated staff will have to be tested with an Antigen Rapid Test⁵ ("ART") kit at least than twice a week.
- 3. Further changes may be made according to developments in the local situation.
- 4. The information in this circular (which includes its annexes) supersedes that in previous circulars, advisories or statements.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL

- 5. Attractions⁶ tend to be higher-risk premises as they typically involve large numbers of people interacting with one another, often in enclosed spaces, and over prolonged periods. Prior to re-opening or an increase in capacity, attractions must submit their proposals to the Singapore Tourism Board ("STB") for assessment. Attractions may resume operations only after receiving approval from MTI. Additionally, attractions that would like to increase operating capacity and/or increase the number of zones for outdoor shows can only do so after obtaining approval from MTI.
- 6. STB has provided guidance within this circular to help attractions develop their proposals and implement the necessary SMMs. The plans within these proposals will have to be tailored to the nature of operations in each attraction, and potential risk factors arising from aspects such as the attraction's physical premises, environment, scale and typical visitor behaviour.
- 7. Attractions must also show in their proposals how they will address specified key outcomes related to reducing potential transmission risks and supporting contact tracing. Risk factors for attractions to consider include proximity between visitors, propensity for crowds to form, level of activity and number of high-touch surfaces.
- 8. Each attraction's proposal must show how the attraction will achieve all the following outcomes:

⁵ Please see https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19/selftestart

⁶ This circular applies to gated Attractions (including pop-up attractions) with tourism value, which are required to submit their reopening/ opening proposals to STB for approval. Please refer to the list of approved attractions by STB at www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/approved-attractions.html.





Outcomes

A. Meet density requirements

- Limit Capacity: Open at no more than 50% of operating capacity⁷ with effect from 19 August 2021. Attractions must submit their plans to show how they are able to implement the SMMs effectively and consistently.
- Exceptions to the 50% cap can be made on a case-by-case basis by MTI if the
 attraction can demonstrate that the risk is inherently mitigated by the nature of
 activities and the way visitors and staff interact at the attraction.

B. Meet separation requirements

- Implement at least 1m distancing between visitors (except between visitors from the same group) and between groups⁸
- Ensure groups of visitors do not exceed 5 pax and there is no intermingling between groups.

C. Disperse crowds and prevent bunching

D. Facilitate contact tracing

- Mandatory implementation of TraceTogether-only SafeEntry (SE) and capability for visitors and staff to use TraceTogether mobile application or TraceTogether token for SE check-in to enter the attraction. IDs can only be used under extenuating circumstances⁹.
- Mandatory implementation of SafeEntry Gateway (SEGW) at all public-facing entrances and exits¹⁰.

E. Implement rigorous cleaning and disinfecting regimes, particularly for high touch elements

- The proposals must also contain detailed plans addressing operational issues such as SMMs for visitors and workplaces, cleaning and sanitisation, contingency response (to handle unwell visitors, suspected/confirmed cases), and marketing and communications.
- 10. Please refer to the Assessment Checklist: Requirements for Re-opening Proposal in Annex A for the list of operational areas to be addressed and measures required for each area. While the majority of these requirements are drawn from the Control Orders¹¹ and are summarised for the convenience of attractions, the Control Orders will prevail in case of any inconsistency. Attractions' proposals to resume operations or to increase their

⁷ Attractions eligible for SingapoRediscovers Vouchers (SRV) redemption must manage the sales of their SRV products to keep within the attraction's approved capacity limit.

⁸ Where specific activities or zones within attractions are subjected to physical distancing requirements of more than 1m e.g. sports-related activities, the stricter requirement will apply.

⁹ For more information, please refer to the FAQ found on www.safeentry.gov.sg

¹⁰ The SafeEntry Gateway should only be deployed at public-facing entrances and exits (i.e. for customers and visitors), and not at non-public facing entrances and exits (e.g. staff entrances, loading/unloading bays).

¹¹ In this paragraph, "Control Order" means the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 and, where applicable, the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021, the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020, and the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021.





operating capacities must adhere to the Control Orders in order to be considered for reopening or an increase in capacity.

- 11. Attractions should submit their proposals to STB_Attractions@stb.gov.sg. STB and MTI will take up to 14 working days to assess each proposal.
- 12. Attractions must be subjected to an inspection scheduled and conducted by STB as part of the assessment process.

ENFORCEMENT OF MEASURES

- 13. Government agencies will step up enforcement to ensure that businesses comply with the required SMMs. Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act passed in Parliament on 7 April 2020, first-time offenders will face a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment of up to six months, or both. Repeat offenders will face a fine of up to \$20,000, imprisonment of up to twelve months, or both. Businesses that are not compliant may be ordered to cease business activities or close altogether. Under the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021, businesses that fail to comply with requirements thereunder will face a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and participants that fail to comply will face a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both. Businesses that are not compliant may also be ineligible for government grants, loans, tax rebates and other assistance.
- 14. Attractions are required to adhere to the SMMs outlined in their submitted proposals on an ongoing basis during operations. For any enquiries, please contact STB_Attractions@stb.gov.sg

Annex A – Assessment Checklist: Requirements for Attractions Re-opening Proposal

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ANNEX A

ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST: REQUIREMENTS FOR ATTRACTIONS RE-OPENING PROPOSAL

A. Preparing Facilities

Operational Area	Requirement
Attraction Set Up	 Develop and implement detailed physical layout plans, including reconfiguration of spaces if applicable, at entry and exit points to achieve safe circulation with at least 1m distancing between visitors who are not from the same group, ensuring groups do not have more than 5 pax, and with at least 1m separation between groups throughout the attraction Clearly mark out queue lines with at least 1m safe distancing where queues are likely to form, including at F&B and retail outlets Develop and implement signs reminding visitors to practice safe distancing and all other SMMs applicable to visitors (e.g. mask wearing, stay in groups of not more than 5 pax). Close off components/ areas within the attraction where SMMs cannot be implemented Implement contactless payment for all payment functions within the attraction (e.g. ticketing, F&B and retail outlets). Install hygiene screens at human touch points (e.g. glass or plastic dividers/barriers at ticketing booths separating the ticket staff from visitors), if reasonably practicable Set up one-way traffic flow for visitors to enter and exit the attraction, if reasonably practicable For resumption of dining-in at F&B and indoor high-intensity activities where masks are not worn, set-up and check the status of visitors as to whether they are fully vaccinated 12. Otherwise, F&B will only be allowed to operate take-away or delivery services, and indoor high-intensity activities where masks are not worn will not be allowed. Rides, Shows and Tours (where applicable) Develop and implement detailed plans for attendance management, crowd control and cleaning frequency for rides and shows: Seating plan for rides and all seating within the attraction that are not within shows or live performances. Where seating is provided that is fixed to the floor, ensure seats are spaced at least 1m apart. Where seating is provided that

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- seats or seating spaces that should not be occupied unless the visitor is from the same group as those in the adjacent seats).
- Seating plan for shows and live performances. Ensure groups are seated at least 1m apart
- Entry queue management system with markers placed at least 1m apart throughout the attraction.
- Cleaning protocols for rides and show equipment and surfaces

2. For indoor shows:

- Adhere to IMDA's prevailing advisory for Cinemas¹³ for indoor screenings
- The maximum capacity for indoor shows is up to 1,000 pax in zones of up to 50 pax per zone if all individuals are fully vaccinated¹⁴, or 50 pax without PET, or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower. Ensure at least 1m safe distancing between groups.
- F&B may be served in groups of up to 5 pax if all customers are vaccinated.

3. For outdoor shows (e.g. animal shows): Capacity and Audience Separation

- The maximum capacity for outdoor shows is up to 1,000 pax in zones of up to 50 pax per zone if all individuals are fully vaccinated¹⁴, or 50 pax without PET, or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower. Ensure at least 1m safe distancing between groups
- There must be at least 3m separation between the stage/performers and audience
- Zones must be clearly demarcated and there must be a separation of at least 3m between zones, demarcated by continuous physical barriers (e.g. different levels, partitions, barrier ropes or tapes). Ensure no mingling between zones
- Implement SafeEntry check-in for each zone at the show and ensure that the TraceTogether mobile application and TraceTogether Token can be used for SafeEntry check-in

4. For live performances:

¹³ Refer to the latest advisory for cinemas from IMDA at www.imda.gov.sg/news-and-events/Media-Room/Medi

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 Adhere to NAC's prevailing advisory for Live Performances¹⁵, and any additional requirements imposed by MTI

5. For tours:

- Adhere to STB's prevailing circular for Tours¹⁶ where relevant, and any additional requirements imposed by MTI.
- The maximum number of participants for conveyance tour is up to 50, with groups of no more than 5 pax within each such tour. The maximum number of participants for a nonconveyance tour remains at 20, with groups of no more than 5 pax within each such tour.

Work-Related Events (where applicable)¹⁷

- 1. Some work-related events have been allowed to resume at workplace premises and third-party venues.
- 2. For non consumer-facing events¹⁸:
 - Such events organised by attractions operators are allowed to resume within the attractions' workplace premises
 - Attractions can be hired as a function centre for the purpose of the event and attractions can accept corporate bookings from external parties for such work-related events
 - Attraction Operators are to ensure the event has a maximum capacity of 50 pax or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower. Such events exceeding 50 participants will not be allowed in attractions.
 - Ensure at least 1m spacing between individuals at all times
 - Adhere to ESG's prevailing advisory for F&B¹⁹ where F&B is served and consumed at the event
- 3. For consumer-facing events²⁰:
 - Such events organised by attractions within their own premises are subject to the prevailing operating capacity that attractions are allowed to operate at or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower

¹⁵ Refer to the latest advisory for live performances from NAC at www.nac.gov.sg/whatwedo/support/sustaining-the-arts-during-covid-19/Arts-and-Culture-Sector-Advisories.html#ResumptionofLivePerformances

¹⁶ Refer to the latest circular for tours from STB at www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/advisory-for-tours.html

Refer to STB's compilation of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on permissible events at www.stb.gov.sg/content/stb/en/home-pages/faq-on-covid-19.html#BusinessEvents

¹⁸ Defined as business-oriented events within workplace premises which primarily involve employees or stakeholders (e.g. conferences, seminars, corporate retreats, staff training sessions, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings).

¹⁹ Refer to the latest advisory for F&B from ESG at www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/media-centre/media-releases/2021/august/mr05921_updated-advisory-for-safe-management-measures-at-food-beverage-establishments.

establishments.

20 Examples include product launches, marketing & branding events, roadshows, fairs, consumer activations, and exhibitions.





	 Events organised by external parties (where the attraction now function as a third party venue) are subject to a cap of 50 persons (excluding the establishment's service staff) or the safe venue capacity with SMMs in place, whichever is lower Ensure at least 1m spacing at all times between individuals and between groups of not more than 5 pax Adhere to ESG's prevailing advisory for F&B¹⁹ where F&B is served and consumed at the event.
Operating Capacity	 Operate at no more than 50% of total capacity at any one time, until otherwise approved by MTI, and show how the maximum capacity of attraction is derived Implement solutions to monitor, control and enforce the operating capacity (e.g. manual counting, automated people counting or tracking systems)
Management of Proximity and Touched Surfaces	 Ensure that physical interaction between visitors and staff (including volunteers) is minimised where reasonably practicable Eliminate or else minimise sharing of equipment and tools Provide easily accessible and free-to-use disinfecting agents like hand sanitisers, disinfecting sprays and wipes at high-touch areas

B. Managing Arrival

Operational Area	Requirement
Health Checks and Contact Tracing	 Implement TraceTogether-only SafeEntry (SE) and capability for visitors and all personnel (including staff and contractors) to use TraceTogether mobile application or TraceTogether token for SE check-in to enter the attraction. IDs can only be used under extenuating circumstances²¹. Implement SEGW at all public-facing entrances and exits²².
Managing Entry	 Develop and implement detailed plan to manage entry and exit (e.g. timed entry or pre-booking of sessions). On-site or walk-in ticketing is not allowed for first 2 weeks from the date that the attraction first resumes operations Ensure all staff wear masks and any other necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times, except during activities which require masks to be removed Ensure that groups of visitors entering together must not exceed 5 pax. Ensure, where reasonably practical, that all visitors wear masks for the duration of their visit

For more information, please refer to the FAQs found on www.safeentry.gov.sg.
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C. In-Attraction Plans

Operational Area	Requirement
Managing Crowds	 Take reasonable steps to ensure that there is a distance of at least 1m between individuals not from the same group of 5 pax (whether visitors or staff) Identify hotspots for potential bunching and implement a control mechanism to prevent/disperse crowds (e.g. frequent reminders over public announcement system, staff to manually disperse crowds, provide visual markers for safe distancing) Implement one-way traffic flow, if reasonably practicable Demonstrate that set-up and operations protocol for F&B and retail outlets adhere to prevailing SMM advisories by ESG²³ and implement them. Attractions with F&B can allow dining-in for groups of up to 5 pax provided all diners are fully vaccinated. Unvaccinated children aged 12 years and below can be included within the group of 5 persons as long as all the children are from the same household²⁴. F&B establishments must set-up and check the status of diners, otherwise only takeaways and deliveries are allowed.

D. Infection Control

Operational Area	Requirement

²³ Refer to the latest advisories for F&B and Retail establishments from Enterprise Singapore (ESG) at www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/media-centre/media-releases?page=1

²⁴ If there is more than one child in the group, all children must be from the same household. If there are other vaccinated individuals, they may be from different households as the child(ren).





Cleaning and Sanitisation	 Adhere to the sanitisation and hygiene advisories disseminated by the National Environmental Agency (NEA)²⁵ and SG Clean sanitisation and hygiene measures Adhere to the guidance note from NEA on improving ventilation and indoor air quality in buildings²⁶ Develop and implement a detailed cleaning/disinfecting plan and schedule, with increased cleaning frequencies for common areas (e.g. toilets) and high touch surfaces (e.g. lift buttons, interactive kiosks and turnstiles) Demonstrate how all equipment (e.g. audio guides, VR headsets, harnesses, seats in rides/ shows) used by multiple visitors is cleaned and disinfected after use and implement these Encourage staff and visitors to wash hands regularly
Response Plan for Infected Cases	 Develop and implement detailed procedures on handling visitors that are febrile, or appear to be coughing, sneezing, breathless or having a runny nose. Identify and allocate holding area(s) to isolate such visitors where they are unable to immediately leave the attraction Develop and implement detailed procedures to handle uncompliant or uncooperative visitors (e.g. visitors without masks, visitors who walk-in without pre-booking, unwell visitors who insist on entry, visitors who refuse to comply with health checks and/or contact tracing), including refusal of entry Develop and implement detailed procedures to handle confirmed COVID-19 cases within the attraction (e.g. close off affected sections/ areas, ensure thorough cleaning and disinfection before re-opening, coordinate communications with relevant authorities, alert public) Ensure staff are familiar with the procedures and appropriately equipped with PPE to wear to handle unwell and/or uncooperative visitors and require the staff to wear PPE

E. Safe Workplace

Operational Area	Requirement
Workplace and Manpower	 Comply with MOM's prevailing requirements for SMMs at workplaces²⁷, including but not limited to: Implement a detailed monitoring plan and appoint a Safe Management Officer (SMO) to assist with implementation

²⁵ Refer to latest advisory from NEA at www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-

guidelines 26 Refer to the guidance note from NEA at www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmentalcleaning-guidelines/advisories/guidance-on-improving-ventilation-and-indoor-air-quality-in-buildings-amid-thecovid-19-situation
27 Refer to MOM's complete and latest list at www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-

measures





F. Marketing and Communications

Operational Area	Requirement
Marketing and Communications	 Develop and implement a communications plan to engage visitors on reopening Plans should clearly communicate and explain precautions that attraction has put in place, new measures that visitors are to comply with (e.g. pre-booking of tickets, 1m safe distancing, use of SafeEntry) to build consumer confidence, and encourage visitors to practice personal responsibility and hygiene. Attraction must remind all visitors, where reasonably practical, that they are required to wear masks, maintain 1m safe distancing and stay in groups of not more than 5 pax in order to enter, and throughout the duration of the visit.

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²⁸ Please see <u>www.enterprisesg.gov.sg/covid-19/fast-and-easy-testing</u>

This covers all full time and part time employees, as well as third party contracted staff (e.g. cleaners). For more information, please refer to this link: https://www.sfa.gov.sg/covid-19/mandatory-fast-and-easy-testing-(fet)-regime-for-all-outlet-employees-at-dine-in-f-b-establishments