**CPE 59th Advisory: Updates to Safe Management Measures for Private Education Institutions**

Dear Sirs,

1. On 16 February 2022, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced an update to existing Safe Management Measures (SMMs) for the management of the Omicron variant. The press release is attached below.



**Guidance for Private Education Institutions**

**[Updated]***National SMMs*

1. All PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national SMMs. These include but are not limited to:
2. **[New]Safe Distancing:** From **25 February 2022,** Safe distancing is encouraged **but will no longer be required between individuals or groups in all mask-on settings**. Safe distancing **will continue to be required for all mask-off settings**. Where safe distancing is required, the distance will be streamlined to a single **safe distance of 1 metre for all settings.**
3. **[New]Capacity Limits:** From **4 March 2022,** fixed size limits and zoning requirements will be removed. Going forward, size limits for events such as business events, media conferences, and mask-on classes will be set based on the capacity of the venue, taking into account the need for safe distancing.

However, a capacity limit of 50% will be imposed for large events and settings (>1,000 pax) which pose more infection risks. Mask-off events will also be required to comply with the 1 metre safe distancing requirement and prevailing group size.

1. **[New]Adjustments to Vaccination-Differentiated SMMs (VDS):** From **25 February 2022**, unvaccinated children aged 12 and below (i.e. born in 2010 or later) need not be from the same household to be included within a group entering premises or participating in activities with VDS.

**[No change for now]** *Parameters for Team Sports Pilot*

1. The MTF announced that sports will be allowed to proceed with up to 30 fully vaccinated persons (including players, coaches, umpires etc) at supervised/operated sports facilities, i.e. ActiveSG facilities.
2. As this currently does not apply to PEIs as a default, SSG will advise on parameters for the MOE Team Sports Team Sports Pilot for Pre-tertiary PEIs in a subsequent advisory. Until then, there is no change to the current conditions and parameters of the pilot.

**[Updated]** *Sector-Specific Guidelines for Higher Risk Activities*

1. PEIs are required to adhere to all prevailing guidelines for higher-risk classes and activities on campus. Additional safe management measures apply for Sport or Physical Activity, Dance, Singing, Wind/Brass Instrument, Voice Training, Speech and Drama Classes:
2. For all sport or physical activity classes, as well as outdoor dance classes, please refer to the Sport Singapore advisory, available at: <https://www.sportsingapore.gov.sg/Newsroom/Media-Releases>
3. For indoor dance classes, singing, wind/brass instrument classes, voice training, and speech and drama classes, please refer to the National Arts Council (NAC)’s advisory, available at <https://www.nac.gov.sg/support/covid-19/safe-management-measures-smms>
4. Live Performances: Live performances may be permitted, subject to the relevant SMMs outlined in NAC’s advisory. For live performances in PEI venues, they can be open to ticketed members of public. PEIs should seek approval from SSG prior to organising live performances.

**[New] Updates to Fast and Easy Testing Rostered Routine Testing (FET-RRT)**

1. MTF has assessed that there is a need to evolve the testing strategy, as the high vaccination coverage and the implementation of VDS offer good protection from severe disease due to COVID-19 infection. The high transmissibility and shorter incubation period of the Omicron variant have also meant a reduction in the effectiveness of RRT in containing community transmission.
2. From **18 February 2022** onwards, the national FET-RRT regime will be streamlined to focus on **settings catering to vulnerable groups** (i.e. healthcare sector, eldercare sector, and settings with children below 5 years old) and selected essential services sectors**. For PEIs, FET-RRT will only be required for individuals in direct contact with children below five years old**. This could include educators, cleaners, third party vendors (e.g. enrichment providers, bus drivers), as well as any staff who may be cross-deployed to teach children below five years old. PEIs that have remaining kits that were already distributed for FET-RRT (but no longer needed) are strongly encouraged to continue testing until the Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits are fully utilised.

1. PEIs, who have staff in direct contact with children below 5 years old, are required to submit their updated nominal roll (per the attached Nominal Roll Template) and request for ART kits via <https://go.gov.sg/pei-fet> by **25 February 2022**.



1. In the longer term, the modality of testing for FET-RRT will shift from the current Employer Supervised Self Swab approach to Unsupervised Self Swabs. SSG will provide more details in due course.

**[Updated]** **Cleaning Regime for Disinfection of Common Areas**

1. With COVID-19 gaining endemic status in Singapore, a routine cleaning regime, which includes routine disinfection of common areas and touch points on a regular basis using in-house cleaners, is a sufficient response to COVID-19 cases emerging within school compounds. Deep cleaning is no longer required. This is aligned to NEA’s latest cleaning protocol.
2. Please refer to the NEA advisories provided for further details, and how to maintain high standards of sanitation and personal hygiene for your premises, available at <https://www.nea.gov.sg/our-services/public-cleanliness/environmental-cleaning-guidelines/advisories>

**[New]Workplace Requirements**

1. From **25 February 2022, the following changes will be made to workplace SMMs:**
2. Workers who have their masks on will not need to maintain 1 metre safe distancing in the workplace.
3. Social gatherings at workplaces will be allowed to resume with up to 5 persons for each social gathering.
4. There will be no restrictions on cross-deployment of employees across workplaces, although employers may do so for business continuity reasons.
5. The current posture of allowing up to 50% of employees who can work from home to return to the office will remain. Please refer to the MOM [website](https://www.mom.gov.sg/covid-19/requirements-for-safe-management-measures) for the full workplace SMMs.

**Social Responsibility**

1. All PEIs must continue to abide by prevailing national SMMs. PEIs should also check [www.gov.sg/features/covid-19](http://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19) for the latest updates and advisories.
2. Please contact us via [CPE\_Registration@ssg.gov.sg](mailto:CPE_Registration@ssg.gov.sg) if you require any clarification. Thank you.