**CPE 67th Advisory: Unmasking for School-based Oral Examinations for Private Education Institutions**

Dear Sirs,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 27 June 2022 the need to prepare for a rise in COVID-19 cases. The press release is attached below. This advisory provides an update on key Safe Management Measures (SMM) and parameters.



**Guidance for Private Education Institutions (PEIs)**

**National SMMs**

1. There are no changes to SMMs at this juncture. Nonetheless, PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national SMMs set by MTF, including but not limited to group sizes, mask-wearing, workplace requirements, safe distancing, and capacity limits.
2. PEIs must also continue to abide with activity-specific adjustments, including for Food & Beverage (F&B) establishments on PEI premises, live performances, and vocalisation activities.

**Practising Social Responsibility**

1. PEIs should regularly remind students to exercise individual and social responsibility to protect themselves and the community, such as monitoring their health and self-testing using Antigen Rapid Test (ART) kits if they are symptomatic. PEIs may also wish to extend additional support to students in financial need, e.g. by providing them with free ART kits, if necessary.

**[New] Unmasking for School-based Oral Examinations**

1. The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be extending the existing unmasking allowances for oral examinations (for language subjects in national examinations and their equivalents) to school-based oral examinations.

1. In alignment with MOE schools, PEIs will be given the option to apply for a similar dispensation for school-based oral examinations. **This dispensation is only for language subjects that are:**
   1. **Similar in setting to the Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) or General Certificate of Education (GCE) oral examinations; and**
   2. **At any one time, an individual candidate and up to 2 oral examiners may unmask at the oral examination station (where there are no other audience).**
2. PEIs should put in place the following mitigating measures when implementing the extension of unmasking allowance:
   1. **Individuals should maintain a 1 metre safe distance from one another; and**
   2. **Oral examinations venues should be well-ventilated, such as non-air-conditioned classrooms or school halls with fans switched on and windows opened, where possible.**
3. **All PEIs** who wish to apply for the dispensation can do so via the following FormSG link: <https://go.gov.sg/pei-unmasking> from **4 July** **2022**.
4. The dispensation can be implemented upon confirmation by SSG.

**Social Responsibility**

1. PEIs should check [www.gov.sg/features/covid-19](http://www.gov.sg/features/covid-19) for the latest updates and advisories.
2. Please contact your respective PEI’s Account Manager if you require any clarification. Thank you.