**CPE 68th Advisory: Further Easing of Safe Management Measures for Private Education Institutions**

25 August 2022

Dear Sirs,

1. The Multi-Ministry Taskforce (MTF) announced on 24 August 2022 that Safe Management Measures (SMMs) will be eased, in view of improvements to the local COVID-19 situation. The press release is attached below. This advisory provides an update on key SMMs and parameters.



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

**[Updated] National SMMs**

1. The mask-wearing requirement for indoor settings (including within PEI premises) will be removed from **29 August 2022**, except for selected healthcare and transport settings.
2. PEIs must continue to abide by all prevailing national SMMs and activity-specific adjustments set by MTF, including but not limited to Vaccination Differentiated Safe Management Measures for Food & Beverage (F&B) establishments, and large events with more than 500 participants.

**[Updated] Unmasking for School-based Oral Examinations, Language and Literacy Lessons**

1. PEIs offering select school-based oral examinations could previously apply for a dispensation for candidates and examiners to unmask (See 67th advisory issued on 7 July 2022).
2. PEIs offering select pre-school and primary levels could also apply for a dispensation for teachers to unmask during language and literacy lessons (See 66th advisory issued on 6 May 2022).
3. With the lifting of the indoor mask-wearing requirement **from 29 August 2022, the aforementioned dispensations in paragraphs 4 and 5 will no longer be required, and cease on the same day.**

**Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures**

7. There will be no changes to Vaccination-Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) at this juncture. As announced in the CPE 65th advisory, PEIs may continue to apply for dispensation for the following:

1. Exemption from VDS for Dining-In for Pre-Tertiary PEIs, which allows students, regardless of vaccination status, to dine in without group size limits. Pre-Tertiary PEIs may apply for this exemption via <https://go.gov.sg/pei-dinein>; and
2. Exemption from VDS for Higher-Risk Unmasked Activities for PEIs (Secondary-Level and above), which allows students who are not fully vaccinated, to participate in events with more than 500 persons, after obtaining a negative self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART). PEIs may apply for this exemption via <https://go.gov.sg/pei-largeevents>.

**Practising Social Responsibility**

1. PEIs should regularly remind students to exercise individual and social responsibility to protect themselves and the community by doing the following:
2. Monitoring their health and self-testing using 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.
3. Wearing masks to protect themselves and others, such as when visiting crowded places or when interacting with vulnerable persons. In addition, if unwell, staff and students should mask-up and minimize in-person interactions.
4. Self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19, in accordance with MOH’s prevailing guidelines and protocols.

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.